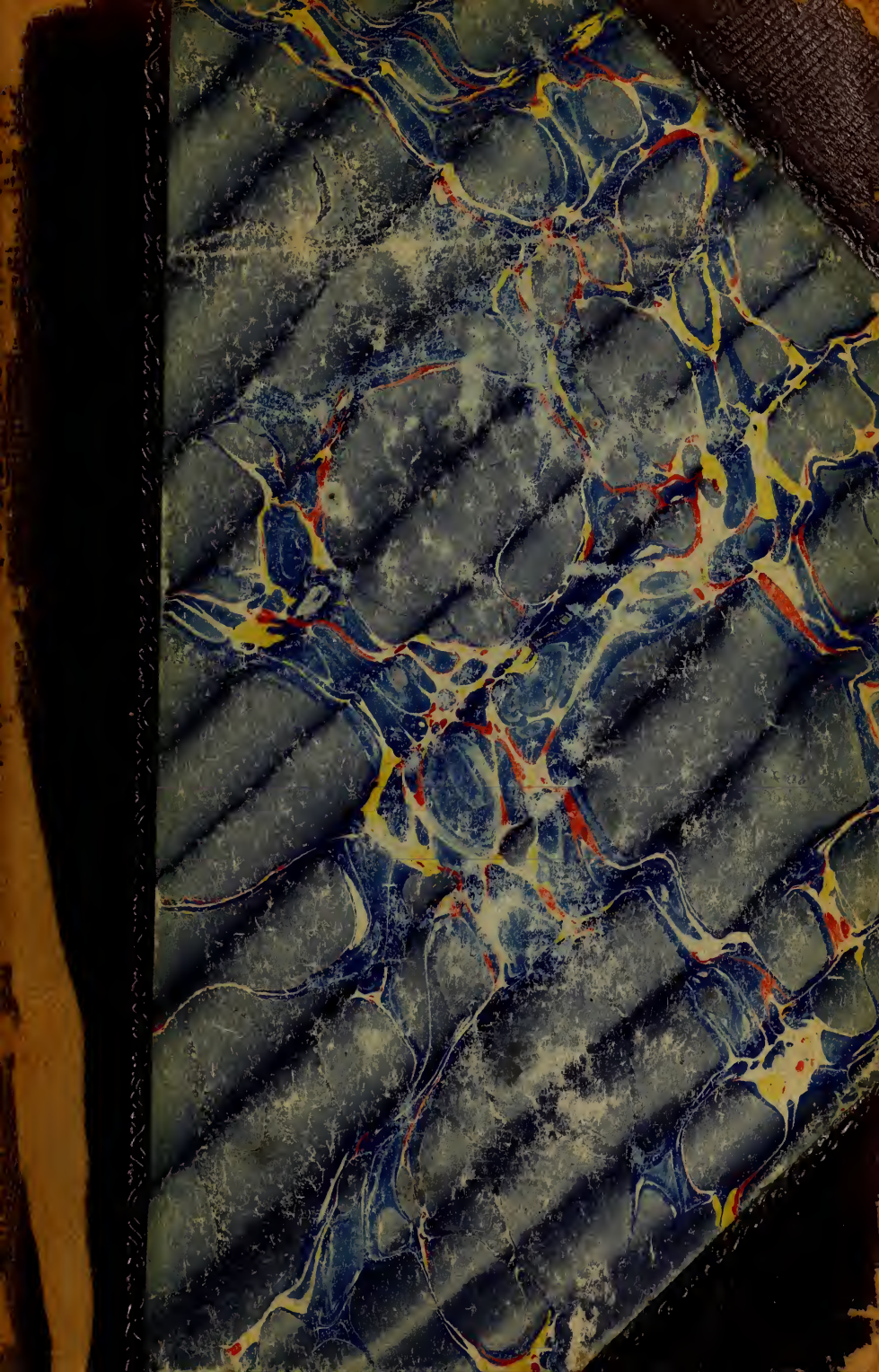




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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

GRAND CHAPTER

—OF—

Royal Arch Masons

OF CANADA.

AT ITS

Thirty-second Annual Convocation,

—HELD IN THE—

Masonic Hall, Town of
Owen Sound



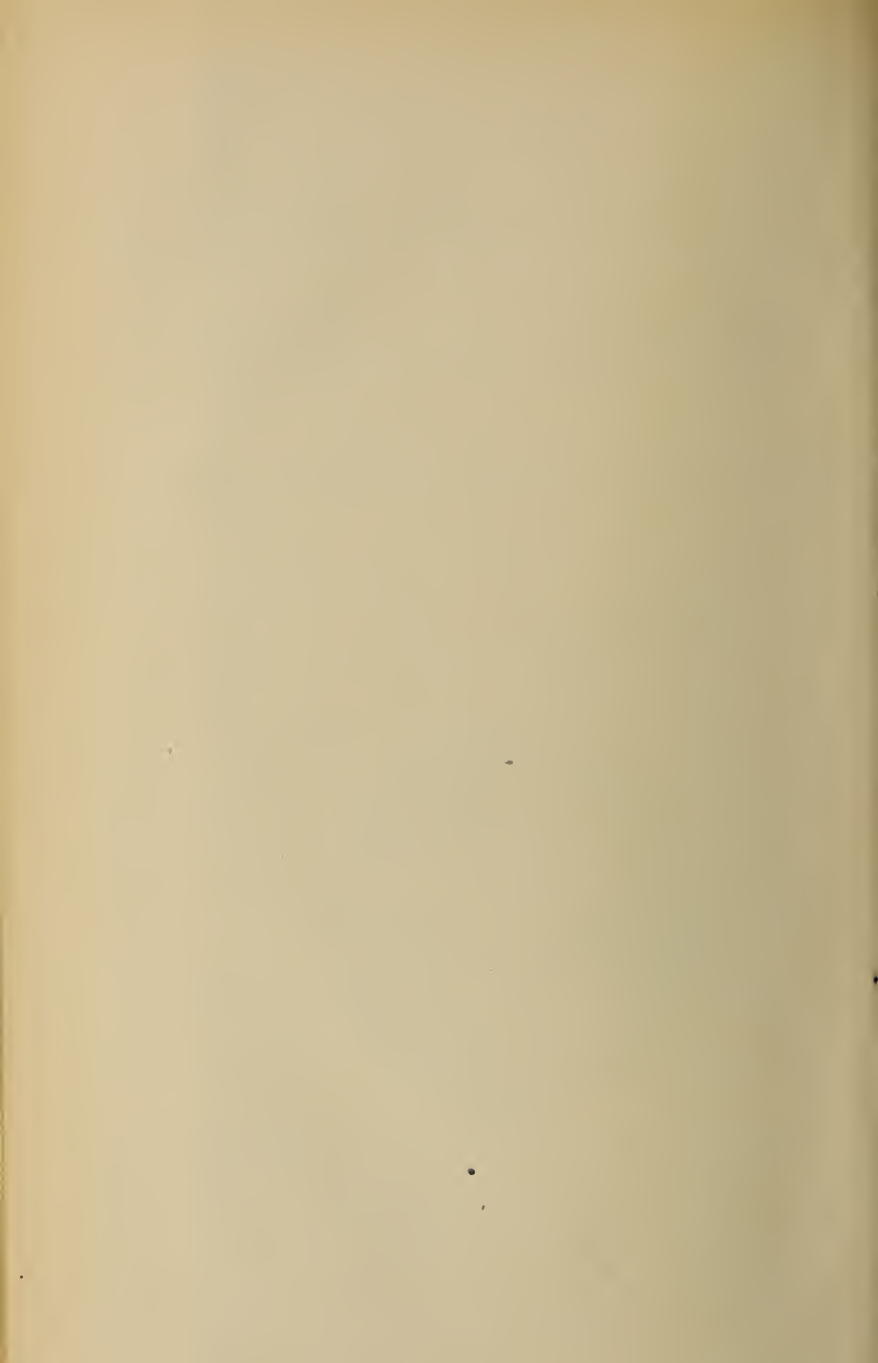
Friday, July 19th, A. D. 1889,
A. J. 2419, A. L. 5889.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL CHAPTERS AND PRESERVED.

ADDRESS—R. B. HUNGERFORD, LONDON, ONT., GRAND Z.

DAVID McLELLAN, HAMILTON, ONT., GRAND SCRIBE E.

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GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Thirty-Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, Town of Owen Sound, on Friday the 19th day of July, A. D. 1889, A. I. 2419.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. Comp.	R. B. HUNGERFORD,	Grand Z. }	Grand Council <i>on the throne.</i>
R. E. "	J. J. Mason,	" H. }	
R. E. "	J. E. Harding,	" J. }	
R. E. "	David McLellan,	" Scribe	E.
R. E. "	Wm. Gibson, as	" "	N.
R. E. "	Benjamin Shortly,	" Prin. Soj.	
R. E. "	Edward Mitchell.	" Treasurer.	
R. E. "	S. W. Ray,	" Registrar.	
E. "	A. B. Munson, as	" 1st Asst. Soj.	
V. E. "	Harry Sweetman,	" 2nd Asst. Soj.	
R. E. "	Wm. Forbes, as	" Sword Bearer.	
E. "	Jas. McLauchlin, as	" M. of Veils.	
V. E. "	G. A. K. McLeod,	" Stan'd Bearer.	
E. "	J. A. Nelles, as	" Dir. of Cer.	
V. E. "	John Knox Leslie,	" Organist.	
V. E. "	James Sutherland,	" Pursuivant.	
V. E. "	C. G. McDermott,	" Steward.	
E. "	W. L. Hamilton, as	" "	
V. E. "	Allan Cameron, as	" "	
E. "	D. F. Macwatt, as	" "	
"	Thomas Coleman,	" Janitor.	

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp.	Thos. C. Macnabb,	Chatham,	St. Clair District.
R. E. "	M. Walsh,	Ingersoll,	Wilson, "

R. E.	"	C. W. Mulligan,	Hamilton, Hamilton,	"
R. E.	"	I. Baker,	Stratford, Huron,	"
R. E.	"	T. L. M. Tipton,	Dunnville, Niagara,	"
R. E.	"	C.W.Postlethwaite,	Toronto, Toronto,	"
R. E.	"	W. R. Howse.	Whitby, Ontario,	"
R. E.	"	John Waring,	Picton, Pr. Edward	"
R. E.	"	George Gale,	Brockville, Central,	"

PAST GRAND OFFICERS,

M. E. Comp.	Donald Ross,	Picton	Past Grand Z.
"	Thos. Sargent.	Toronto,	" " Z.
"	Henry Robertson,	Collingwood,	" " Z.
R. E.	Gavin Stewart,	Hamilton,	" " Supt
"	A. G. Smyth,	London,	" " "
"	John Malloy,	Hamilton	" " "
"	Wm. Gibson,	Beamsville,	" " "
"	Wm. Forbes,	Grimsby,	" " "
"	Hugh Murray,	Hamilton,	" " "
"	Wm. G. Reid,	"	" " "
"	J. Ross Robertson,	Toronto,	" " "
"	John W. Coy,	St.Catharines,	" " "
"	Jos. Beck,	Saltford,	" " "
"	DeWitt H. Martyn,	Kincardine,	" " "
"	C. W. Brown,	Toronto,	" " "
"	Otto Klotz,	Preston,	" " S. N.
"	John S. Dewar,	London,	" " "
"	P. J. Slattey,	Toronto,	" " "
"	John Wills,	"	" " Reg.
"	John Creasor,	Owen Sound,	" " "
"	R. Radcliffe,	Goderich,	" " P.S'j.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES :

M. E. Comp.	Donald Ross,	from G. Chap. of	Connecticut.
"	Thos. Sargent,	"	Kentucky.
"	Henry Robertson,	"	Dis. Col'mba
"	Henry Robertson,	"	Mississippi
"	Henry Robertson,	"	New York
"	R. B. Hungerford,	"	Dakota
R.E.	Thos. C. Macnabb,	"	Delaware
"	David McLellan,	"	Georgia
"	Wm. Forbes,	"	Illinois
"	Edward Mitchell,	"	Louisiana
"	John A. Wills,	"	Maine

	"	J. Ross Robertson,	"	"	Nebraska
	"	John S. Dewar,	"	"	New Hamp.
	"	J. J. Mason,	"	"	Nevada
V. E.	"	Geo. J. Bennett,	"	"	Iowa
R. E.	"	Wm. Gibson,	"	"	Tennessee
	"	Hugh Murray,	"	"	Washing. Ter
	"	Gavin Stewart,	"	"	Wisconsin

PAST FIRST PRINCIPALS.

M. E. Comp.	Donald Ross,	"	"	C. W. Brown
"	Thos. Sargant	"	"	C. W. Postlethwaite
"	Henry Robertson	"	"	S. W. Ray
"	R. B. Hungerford	V. E.	"	Harry Sweetman
R. E'	Gavin Stewart	"	"	E. T. Malone
"	C. W. Mulligan	"	"	Jas. Sutherland
"	John S. Dewar	"	"	C. G. McDermott
"	A. G. Smyth	"	"	R. McCaw
"	David McLellan	"	"	James A. Frazer
"	Edward Mitchell	"	"	Hugh Walker
"	John Malloy	"	"	Allan Cameron
"	Wm. Gibson	"	"	Wm. Panton
"	Wm. Forbes	"	"	J. Knox Leslie
"	Hugh Murray	"	"	G. A. K. McLeod
"	J. J. Mason,	"	"	Geo. J. Bennett
"	Wm. G. Reid	E.	"	R. T. Walkem
"	Jno. A. Wills	"	"	A. B. Munson
"	J. Ross Robertson	"	"	Wm. Abernethy
"	P. J. Slatyer	"	"	David Taylor
"	John W. Coy	"	"	F. W. Gearing
"	M. Walsh	"	"	Wm. T. Toner
"	Jno. E. Harding	"	"	P. J. Lightbourne
"	I. Baker	"	"	J. A. Nelles
"	T. L. M. Tipton	"	"	Thos. Wilkinson
"	Jos. Beck	"	"	Wm. King
"	R. Radcliffe	"	"	John McCarter
"	John Waring	"	"	F. F. Manley
"	James Walters	"	"	George Gott
"	W. R. Howse	"	"	J. Hetherington
"	B. Shortly	"	"	Ira Bates
"	Thos. C. Macnabb	"	"	Thos. McGregor
"	John Creasor	"	"	Asa Miller
"	Geo. Gale	"	"	Hugh Spackman
"	DeWitt H. Martyn	"	"	Chas. F. Mansell
"	Thos. McCarroll	"	"	J. W. Wallace

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified Officers, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in **Ample Form** at 10 a.m.

V. E. Comp. E. T. Malone, from the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there are 79 warranted Chapters and 4 U. D. on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which number 59 were represented by the following Companions :

1. Ancie't Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston.	E. Comp. R. T. Walkem,	Z
2. The Hiram, Ham- ilton.	E. Comp. Alex. Smith,	J
	V. E. Comp. Harry Sweetman	P.Z
	R. E. " Gavin Stewart	P.Z
	R. E. " Otto Klotz	P.Z
	R. E. " C. W. Mulligan	P.Z
3. St. John's, Lon- don.	E. " A. Carruthers	J
	R. E. " John S. Dewar	P.Z.
5. St. George's, Lon- don.	E. " A. B. Munson	Z
	E. " Wm. Skinner	H
	R. E. " A. G. Smyth	P.Z
	M.E. " R. B. Hungerford	P.Z
6. St. John's, Hamil- ton.	R. E. " Edward Mitchell	Z
	E. " John Moodie	J
	R. E. " David McLellan,	P.Z
	R. E. " John Malloy	P.Z
	R. E. " Wm. Gibson	P.Z
	R. E. " Wm. Forbes	P.Z
	R. E. " Hugh Murray	P.Z
	R. E. " J. J. Mason	P.Z
	R. E. " Wm. G. Reid	P.Z
7. Moira, Belleville.	E. " W. L. Hamilton	P.H
8. King Solomon's, Toronto.	E. " R. Oliver	H
	E. " John Patton	P.H
	V. E. " E. T. Malone	P.Z
	R. E. " John A. Wills	P.Z
	R. E. " P. J. Slatter	P.Z
	R. E. " David McLellan,	P.Z
	R. E. " John Ross Robertson	P.Z
	M. E. " Thos. Sargant	P.Z
15. Wawanosh, Sar- nia.	E. " Wm. Abernethy	P.Z

16. Carleton, Ottawa.	E.	"	David Taylor	P.Z
18. Oxford, Woodstock.	V. E.	"	James Sutherland	P.Z
19. Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.	V. E. Comp. R. E.	"	C. G. McDermott John W. Coy	P.Z P.Z
20. Mount Horeb, Brantford.	R. E.	"	M. Walsh Proxy	P.Z
23. Ezra, Simcoe.	E.	"	Geo. F. Counter	Z
24. Tecumseh, Stratford.	E. R. E.	"	F. W. Gearing I. Baker	Z P.Z
	R. E.	"	Jno. E. Harding	P.Z
27. Manitou, Collingwood.	E. E.	"	W. T. Toner H. A. Currie	Z J
	M. E.	"	Henry Robertson	P.Z
28. Pentalpha, Oshawa.	V. E.	"	R. McCaw	P.Z
29. McCallum, Dunville.	E. R. E.	"	Louis A. Congdon T. L. M. Tipton	H P.Z
30. Huron, Goderich.	R. E. R. E.	"	Jos. Beck R. Radcliffe	P.Z P.Z
31. Prince Edward, Picton.	R. E. M. E.	"	John Waring Donald Ross	P.Z P.Z
32. Waterloo, Galt.	E.	"	E. Kenning	J
34. Signet, Barrie.	E.	"	D. F. Macwatt	Z
35. Keystone, Whitby.	E. R. E.	"	A. M. Ross W. R. Howse	H P.Z
36. Corinthian, Peterboro.	R. E.	"	B. Shortly	P.Z
37. Victoria, Port Hope.	E.	"	P. J. Lightbourne, Proxy	P.Z
40. Guelph, Guelph.	E. E. V. E.	"	R. Gemmell J. A. Nelles Hugh Walker	Z P.Z P.Z
41. Harris, Ingersoll.	R. E.	"	M. Walsh	P.Z
44. Mount Sinai, Napanee.	R. E. M. E.	"	James Walters Donald Ross	P.Z P.Z
47. Wellington, Chatham.	R. E.	"	Thos. C. Macnabb	P.Z
48. St. John's, Cobourg.	E.	"	P. J. Lightbourne, Proxy	P.Z
49. Elora, Elora.	E.	"	Joseph Clark	H
52. Prince Rupert, Winnipeg.	V. E.	"	Wm. Panton, Proxy	P.Z
54. Palestine, St. Thomas.	E.	"	W. B. Dougherty	Z

55. Niagara, Niagara,	E.	"	John G. Rousseaux	H
56. Georgian, Owen Sound.	V. E.	"	Allan Cameron	Z
	E.	"	George Inglis	J
	R. E.	"	John Creasor	P.Z
57. King Hiram, Pt. Colborne.	R. E.	"	T. L. M. Tipton, Proxy	P.Z
59. Sussex, Brockville.	E.	"	Wm. King	Z
	E.	"	J. Quigg	P.H
	E.	"	T. Wilkinson	P.Z
	R. E.	"	Geo. Gale	P.Z
60. Doric, Newmarket.	E.	"	James W. Allan	Z
62. York, Eglington.	E.	"	Wm. Roaf	H
	E.	"	John McCarter	P.Z
	V. E.	"	E. T. Malone	P.Z
	V. E.	"	J. K. Leslie	P.Z
	M.E.	"	Thos. Sargent	P.Z
63. Havelock, Kin-cardine	E.	"	R. D. Hall	Z
	R. E.	"	DeWitt H. Martyn	P.Z
65. St. Pauls, Toronto	E.	"	Sanderson Percy	P.J
	E.	"	F. F. Manley	P.Z
	R. E.	"	C. W. Brown	P.Z
	R. E.	"	C. W. Postlethwaite	P.Z
69. Grimsby, Grimsby	R. E.	"	Wm. Gibson	Z
	R. E.	"	Wm. Forbes	P.Z
71. Prince of Wales, Amherstburg	E.	"	George Gott	P.Z
73. Erie, Ridgetown	E.	"	J. A. Elliott	H
75. St. Clair, Milton	V. E.	"	J. A. Frazer	Z
	V. E.	"	Wm. Panton	P.Z
	R. E.	"	Wm. Gibson	P.Z
77. Occident, Toronto	E.	"	L. B. Montgomery	H
	E.	"	John Hetherington	P.Z
	R. E.	"	John A. Wills	P.Z
	M. E.	"	Thos. Sargent	P.Z
79. Orient, Toronto.	E.	"	Ira Bates	Z
	V. E.	"	J. Knox Leslie	P.Z
	R. E.	"	J. Ross Robertson	P.Z
	M. E.	"	Thos. Sargent	P.Z
80. Ark, Windsor.	E.	"	J. H. Hanna	Z
	E.	"	Thos. McGregor	P.Z
81. Aylmer, Aylmer.	E.	"	Asa Miller	P.Z
82. Shuniah, Port Arthur.	R. E.	"	S. W. Ray, Proxy	P.Z

83. Ionic, Orangeville	M. E.	"	Thos. Sargant	P.Z
85. Exeter, Exeter.	E.	"	Hugh Spackman	Z
	V. E.	"	G. A. K. McLeod	P.Z
86. Macpherson,	E.	"	J. F. Mathews	Z
Meaford.	R. E.	"	Thos. McCarroll	P.Z
90. Golden, Pat Por-	R. E.	"	S. W. Ray, Proxy	P.Z
tage.				
91. Antiquity, To-	E.	"	Chas. F. Mansell	P.Z
ronto.	V. E.	"	Geo. J. Bennett	P.Z
	M. E.	"	Thos. Sargant	P.Z
93. Metropolitan,	R. E.	"	David McLellan, Proxy	P.Z
Melbourne.				
94. Midland, Lindsay	E.	"	B. Dingle	Z
	E.	"	J. W. Wallace	P.Z
95. Tuscan, Bramp-	V. E.	"	Geo. J. Bennett	P.Z
ton.	M. E.	"	Thomas Sargant	P.Z
96. Australasian Kil-	R. E.	"	David McLellan, Proxy	P.Z
winning, Melbourne				
U.D. St. Marks, Tren	R. E.	"	John Waring	P.Z
ton.				

24 Chapters are not represented.

Number of votes entitled to be cast at Grand Chapter, 247.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE, <i>Chairman</i> .	} <i>Committee.</i>
W. R. HOWSE.	
WM. GIBSON.	

On motion of V. E. Comp. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. E. Comp. Wm. Gibson, the report of the Committee on the Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing during the session of the Grand Chapter as visitors.

The Grand Scribe E. read the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during business. The Grand Scribe E. commenced to read the minutes of the proceedings of the Thirty-first Annual Convocation held in the City of Toronto on the 20th day of July, A. D. 1888, A. I. 2418, when

it was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. Jno. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That as the proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held on the 20th day of July, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes thereof be considered as read and the same be now confirmed.

The M. E. Grand Z. then read the following

ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada—GREETING :

COMPANIONS—

We are again permitted to meet together in annual convocation, and I extend to you each and all a most fraternal welcome. Let us therefore return our heartfelt thanks to the Supreme Being who guides and rules the universe for the many blessings which we have received during the past year and humbly supplicate a continuance of those mercies as far as we may be found worthy to receive them.

A year ago you conferred the highest honor, as well as the most responsible position you could bestow upon me, and it is but right that I should now render an account of my stewardship.

Shortly after assuming office I received from Rt. Ex. Comp. McLellan, G. S. E., a list of Chapters which were not in a flourishing condition. I immediately communicated with the Grand Superintendents of the districts in which those Chapters were situated asking them to make a special report upon their condition. I also urged upon them to make every effort to induce the members to take such an interest in Royal Arch Masonry as would force their Chapters into activity and life.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents will be presented to you, and I feel confident you will be pleased with the success they have attained. And just here, Companions, I do not hesitate to recommend Grand Chapter to withdraw the warrants from those Chapters that have not strictly complied with the constitution. Too much leniency becomes license,

and when the members of a Chapter show little or no interest in its welfare, the privilege of having one should most certainly be withdrawn. For myself, I would rather see fifty active Chapters in our jurisdiction than twice that number with many of them drifting into lethargy and inaction.

NEW CHAPTERS.

It has given me pleasure during the past year to grant dispensations for the following new Chapters :

St. Lawrence, U. D.,	at Brockville, Ont.,	November 5th, 1888.
Vancouver,	" Vancouver, B. C.,	Nov. 16, 1888.
Keystone,	" Portage la Prairie, Man.,	Jan. 22, 1889.
St. Mark's,	" Trenton, Ont.,	April 7, 1889.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I have been asked for a number of dispensations, and as they were in the interests of Royal Arch Masonry I could not but comply with the requests. They are as follows :

To install as Z. not having been H.,		4
" " " Z. " " " H. or J.,		1
" " " H. " " " J.,		5
To make serving Companions,		2
To wear regalia on special occasions,		2
To install officers at other than regular meeting,		9
To elect " " " " " "		2
To exalt a Companion at less than regular time between degrees,		1

BY-LAWS.

I have approved of by-laws presented by the following Chapters :

Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui No. 1, Kingston.
 Carleton No. 16, Ottawa.
 Mount Horeb No. 20, Brantford.
 Prince Rupert, No. 52, Winnipeg.
 Georgian No. 56, Owen Sound.
 Orient No. 79, Toronto.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Vacancies have occurred near this Grand Chapter of

Representatives of the Grand Chapters of South Carolina and Iowa. I had the pleasure of nominating Rt. Ex. Comp. E. H. D. Hall, of Peterboro, as Representative of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, and V. Ex. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, of Toronto, of the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

I have also had the pleasure of confirming the nomination of Most Ex. Comp. Will H. Whyte as our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

During the year I have officially visited the following Chapters:

Harris Chapter No. 41, Ingersoll.
Exeter Chapter No. 85, Exeter.
St. George's Chapter No. 5, London.
St. John's Chapter No. 3, London.
Antiquity Chapter No. 91, Parkdale.
St. Paul's Chapter No. 65, Toronto.
Palestine Chapter No. 54, St. Thomas.
Tecumseh Chapter No. 24, Stratford.
St. John's Chapter No. 6, Hamilton.
Erie Chapter No. 73, Ridgetown.

On my visits to Stratford and Hamilton I had the pleasure of being accompanied by the other two members of the Grand Council, viz: R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, Grand H., and R. E. Comp. Jno. E. Harding, Grand J.

In all my visits I have been received with the utmost respect and cordiality, and I take this opportunity of again thanking the Companions of those Chapters which I have visited, as well as the Superintendents of the several Districts, for the kindness, courtesy and hospitality which they have shown me. In years to come those visits will remain bright spots in my memory. I also desire to thank most heartily those Companions who so kindly accompanied me on so many of my visits.

RULINGS.

The rulings I have been asked to give would be comparatively uninteresting to the Grand Chapter, in most cases, a reference to the Constitution would have rendered them unnecessary.

OBITUARY.

Companions I am reluctantly compelled to remind you that the gavel of death has not been silent since we last assembled. We are called upon to lament the calling away of the following prominent Companions :

M. Ex. Comp. C. D. McDonald, P. G. Z. of this Grand Chapter died at his residence in Peterboro on the 29th July 1888. Many of the older members will remember the pleasure they had in meeting him at our annual convocations, both of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, for until a few years ago, he was a constant attendant at both. His kindly smile and genial disposition will long be remembered by his Masonic friends.

Rt.Ex. Comp. Seymour, Porter, P. G. S., Toronto District met with a most melancholy death about the close of last year. He was accidentally drowned in Toronto Bay. He was a favorite with every one who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Rt. E. Comp. A. W. Francis, P. G. S., Wilson District. Woodstock was one of the victims at the terrible railroad disaster which occurred at St. George Ont., on the 28th Feby. last. He was greatly esteemed both in Masonic and private life. I had the pleasure of making his acquaintance a few hours before he met with the accident which cost him his life.

R. E. Comp. Chas. Doeblor P. G. S., Ontario District, Port Hope was called away on the 7th August 1888. He was one of the most prominent Masons in the Ontario District and was present with us at our last annual meeting.

R. Ex. Comp. D. Curtis P. G. S., Wilson District, Brantford died Feby. 8th 1889. He had always taken a lively interest in every thing connected with Freemasonry and was looked upon as an authority whose opinions bore evidence of good common sense and judgement.

Companions, year by year we are called upon to draw the attention of Grand Chapter to those who have passed away since our last meeting, This should be a solemn reminder that our own time is coming with unknown swiftness. May we who are spared to meet together to-day so live our lives that when we shall be summoned within the veil we may be found worthy to remain throughout Eternity, at the foot of the Great White Throne.

FINANCES.

The financial statement of Grand Chapter bears evidence of prosperity, and as a detailed statement will be presented to you I shall only mention that the receipts for the past year have been \$3067.67. This with the balance on hand from last year of \$1486.05, makes a total of \$4553.72. The total expenditure for the year has been \$2348.05, included in this sum is a call of 9% on 240 shares of the Land Security Company's stock amounting to the sum of \$540, leaving a balance to carry forward to next year of \$2205.67, which is an increase of \$819.62 over last year.

I would suggest a further investment of \$2000 in some sound permanent security. Assets of Grand Chapter are :

60 shares Land Security Co. stock.....	\$1500 00
240 allotted shares in same.....	1320 00
Western Canada Loan and Security Co.....	4500 00
Toronto General Trusts Co.	3000 00
Cash in Bank	2205 67

\$12525 67

Companions, before bringing my report to a close I wish to say a few words to the officers of Chapters which are represented here to-day. I think I am safe in saying there is an improvement in the interest taken in Capitular Masonry, but nothing like what it should be : in a great measure this can be traced to the careless manner of rendering our beautiful ritual, which is noticeable in too many of our Chapters.

The Z. should be well versed in all parts of the ritual. He should be kind and courteous to his officers and ever ready to help and counsel them. Faultfinding will never advance the interests of a Chapter, a good example will do a thousand times more. He should not countenance any clique or dissatisfied Companion, and should have frequent meetings of his officers to discuss plans for the advancement of his Chapter and should never be above taking counsel and advice from his officers.

I therefore ask you, Companions, to throw your best energies into the wellfare of your Chapters so that whoever may preside over you during the coming year may be enabled to report a very marked improvement in Capitular Masonry.

It would be unfair of me to close my remarks without referring to the interest taken in all matters connected with

Grand Chapter by Rt. Ex. Comp. David McLellan G. S. E., and Rt. Ex. Comp. Edward Mitchell G. T. Their earnestness and ability prove them to be the right men in the right place.

Companions of Grand Chapter, I again thank you for having elected me your presiding officer. I have endeavored to do my duty to the Craft; how well I have succeeded is for you to judge. May peace, harmony and good will prevail among us at this our Annual Convocation.

RICHARD B. HUNGERFORD,
Grand Z.

Owen Sound, July 19th 1889.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. Jno. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the address of the M. E. Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee, to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

The following reports of the various Grand Superintendents of Districts were presented:

NO. 1, ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the St. Clair District.

WELLINGTON CHAPTER, No 47, Chatham.—This Chapter has a membership of 32. The average attendance is eleven. During the year one candidate received the M. M., P. M., and M. E. M., and three the R. A. This chapter's affairs are about the same as last year. See report, page 120, Grand Chapter Proceedings 1888.

MACNABB CHAPTER, No. 88, Dresden. This Chapter has a membership of twenty. The average attendance is eleven. One candidate received the M.M., P.M., M.E.M., and R.A. I visited this chapter once. The officers are well up in their work. My report in 1888, Grand Chapter Proceedings, page 121, will apply to this year.

ERIE CHAPTER, No. 73, Ridgetown.—I had a summons to attend a meeting on the 24th June, with the names of thirteen

candidates on it. This would look like as if this Chapter were going to get to work again. I was unable to attend on account of previous engagements.

PRINCE OF WALES CHAPTER, No. 71, Amherstburg.—I have been unable to visit this Chapter, but E. Comp. George Gott, Z., informs me that they have had an average attendance of ten and have admitted eight new members, with but three withdrawn, and all working for the good of the Chapter. The Z., H., and J., have worked in all the degrees. Nine regular and two emergent meetings held. The S. E. and Treasurer's books are well kept, and the arrears of companions are small. The Chapter meets in Masonic Hall. The assets, which are in furniture, regalia, etc, are not insured, and will amount to about \$400. The Chapter was represented at last convocation of Grand Chapter by E. Comp. Geo. Gott, Z., Richard Elliott is S. E. The Chapter is in a prosperous condition, and all the members are zealous for the advancement of Capitular Masonry. I have received no notices of meetings.

ARK CHAPTER, No. 80, Windsor.—I was unable to visit this Chapter. P. Z., E. Comp. McGregor writes me: "We have fifteen members in good standing, have added two during the year, and five have been suspended, and four have withdrawn. The average attendance is eighteen. Twelve meetings have been held. Of companions in arrears one year there are six, over two years, four. The assets are \$350.00. Liabilities none. Ark Chapter is, by this statement, in a better condition than it has been for some years past. The prospects for the coming year are good." I have received no notices of meetings.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

THOMAS C. MACNABB.
Grand Supt. St. Clair District.

NO. 2, LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the London District.

I regret that the many calls upon my time have prevented my making the visits to the district I would like to have done. I learn from hearsay that some Chapters are not in a prosperous condition.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 3, London.—This Chapter has not sent me a notice of a single meeting during the year. I only know from hearsay that there is such a Chapter in existence.

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, No. 5, London.—This Chapter has sent me regular notices of meetings. I regret very much that I have been unable to visit it. I am satisfied from the amount of work I see upon the notices that the Chapter is doing well.

WAWANOSH CHAPTER, No. 15, Sarnia.—I have not had any notices nor communications of any kind from this Chapter.

BRUCE CHAPTER, No. 53, Petrolia.—I have had no notices from this Chapter, but on February 4th I received a communication from them, asking permission to install officers on another night than the regular night, which permission I granted.

PALESTINE CHAPTER, No. 54, St. Thomas.—It is well officered with Ex. Comps. W. B. Doherty, Z., N. W. Ford, H., A. Ellison, J., and Ex. S. Dubber as P. S., who are all well up in their work. The books of the S. E., Ex. Comp. W. E. Idsardi, are in first-class order, and proper returns are made. The Chapter has done a reasonable amount of work this year, and the prospects look bright for the future.

BEAVER CHAPTER, No. 74, Strathroy.—I have written letters to two of the officers and have not received any reply. From what I can learn the Chapter is virtually dead. I think there is room for a good live Chapter in the town, and good material to draw from. I recommend that another year be given to resuscitate.

MINNEWAWA CHAPTER, No. 78, Parkhill.—This Chapter is dormant. Ex. Comp. Bigg states that they had not sufficient companions in the place to open the Chapter, but had some material on the way, and if they could have one or two meetings they would have members enough to go ahead. I recommend that another year be given to resuscitate before withdrawing the warrant.

AYLMER CHAPTER, No. 81, Aylmer.—This is the banner Chapter of the district. Accompanied by a number of the Companions of Palestine Chapter, I visited on March 23rd, and was much pleased with their work, and its flourishing condition. It is well officered, with R. Ex. Comp. S. S. Clutton

as Z., John Richardson, H., and J. B. Huffman, J., and Ex. Comp. Glover, P. S., is by no means behind in his work. After seeing them confer the R. A. degree, I was so pleased that I invited them to exemplify the R. A. degree in Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas. The work would be a credit to any good Chapter. I again visited later on, and found the work equally as well done by the proper officers.

Harmony prevails throughout the district, not a single complaint of any kind having reached me during the year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. N. PETTIT,
Grand Supt. London District.

No. 3, WILSON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Wilson District.

After my election at last Grand Chapter, I investigated the state of my district, and found that, with the exception of Harris Chapter, No. 41, of Ingersoll, all were dead or dormant.

MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, No. 20, Brantford, had not met for years. Some of the companions are dead, others had left the city, and for want of regular convocations, the remaining companions had lost interest in the Royal Craft. In the meantime, rent had been accumulating, and there was a debt of \$600.00 on the furniture, and paraphernalia. The outlook was not rosy. At my request the principals and a number of companions met at an informal meeting, in Brantford, on the 18th of September last, to discuss the prospects, and resuscitate the Chapter. Two committees were appointed, and it ended in a part of the debt being paid, and the balance remitted by the companion who was the creditor of the Chapter, and who has since died. Subsequently the Chapter was re-organized. the present officers elected. On the 20th of May last, I paid an official visit, on which occasion I had the pleasure of meeting R. E. Comp. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer, R. E. Comp. McLellan, G. S. E., R. E. Comp. McPhie, E. Comp. Moodie, and several companions from St. John's Chapter, Hamilton, and other visiting companions. With the consent of the officers of the Chapter, I requested R. E. Comp. Mitchell to assume

the sceptre of Z., I acted as H., and E. Comp. Moodie, as J., and we exalted five brethren to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. There were about thirty companions present. After the exaltation the visiting companions were made right royally welcome at a well ordered and enjoyable banquet. The detailed report shows that the Ex. Z., Rev. Robert Ashton, and his officers, have held ten meetings, regular and emergent, since last September, and have given all the degrees, except the R. A. to six companions. five of whom were exalted on the 20th May. This marked revival of interest is a good guarantee that Mount Horeb Chapter will soon take rank among the Chapters as one of the most active and efficient in this district.

The following is a detailed report of Mount Horeb Chapter, following the model given in Grand Chapter Report of 1887.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, meets at Brantford, the first Wednesday of each month. The Chapter now has a membership of 31. The average attendance, exclusive of visitors, is ten. I visited the Chapter on the 20th of May 1889. On the occasion of my visit, the Royal Arch Degree was exemplified, by R. E. Comp. Mitchell, as Z., myself as H., and E. Comp. Moodie, as J. The quality of the work of R. E. Comp. Mitchell was particularly excellent, correct, and impressive. That of E. Comp. Moodie, as J., was very good. That of the P. S., Comp. Heyd, was also very good, especially when it is remembered that he has done no work for some years. During the year, or rather since last September, the E. Z. has exemplified the degrees of M. M., P. M., and M. E. M., the H., and J. assisting him in these degrees. The P. Z. has not exemplified any of the degrees, but has been present at the meetings, and assisted in the work. Seven regular and three emergent convocations have been held since September, before that none, the Chapter having been dormant. The condition of the S. E.'s books is good, of the Treasurer's good. The cash is promptly paid over to the Treasurer, and is retained by him. The annual dues are \$69.00. There are three companions in arrears over two years, two over three years, and two over five years. The furniture is valued at \$800.00 and is insured for \$500.00. The inventory is kept in the vault. The assets, as reported by the S. E., are the furniture and jewels. The liabilities are, rent due Brant Lodge, No. 45, the amount of which the S. E. has not stated in his report, but, if I recollect aright, it was stated at the informal meeting in September to be about

\$200.00. The Hall is a room for the Chapter exclusively, and is fit for the purpose. This Chapter was not represented at the last Grand Chapter. The prospects of the Chapter are good.

EZRA CHAPTER, No. 23, Simcoe. Upon enquiring into the condition of this Chapter, I found it dormant. I opened a correspondence with its former officers, discussed the situation, and urged them to revive their Chapter. After considerable difficulty, resulting from lack of members, and a complete loss of interest and of faith in its revival, I was notified that they had resuscitated the Chapter, on the understanding with the Chapter that all arrears due Grand Chapter were to be remitted up to the end of 1888. I recommended this to be done by Grand Chapter, in the interest of Royal Arch Masonry in the locality. At the request of this Chapter, I obtained, through the G. S. E., two dispensations from the Grand Z., one for the election of officers, and the other for the installation of their officers on days other than those provided by their by-laws. I made an official visit to the Chapter on the 13th of March last installed the principals, and other officers, E. Comp. G. F. Counter, Z., James Hayes, M.D., H., William Todd, J., and W. P. Kelly, S. E. After installation, and at the request of the Principals, I acted as Z., and assisted by E Comps. Hayes and Todd, as H. and J., and R. E. Comp. Christie, P. G. S. N., as P. S., we exalted a brother to the Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch. I had the pleasure of meeting R. E. Comp. I. Baker, G. S., of Huron District, who came down from Stratford for the occasion.

The following is my detailed report.

Ezra Chapter, No. 23, meets at Simcoe, on the second Wednesday, in June, September, December, and March. This Chapter has a membership of 18. The average attendance, exclusive of visitors, is 12. I visited it on the 13th of March last, when the R. A. degree was exemplified. The quality of the work of H. and J. was as good as could be expected under the circumstances. That of the P. S. was good. During the year, since March last, the Z. has exemplified the degrees of M. M., P. M., and M. E. M., and has been assisted by E. Comps. H. and J. The P. Z. has not exemplified any degree. Two emergent convocations, since the emergent convocation, at which the installation took place, have been held, no others on account of the position of the Chapter has been in. The condition of the books of the S. E. is, I am informed, good: the Treasurer's the same. The cash is paid over to the Treasurer, and is in

his hands. By the terms of resuscitation, this year's dues are all that is to be asked from the companions. The S. E.'s return says he does not know the value of the furniture. He believes it is insured, with that of the lodge, but does not state the amount. He states that, so far as he knows, no inventory is kept. The return shows that the Chapter has received \$80.00 for fees from candidates, and have paid out \$20.00, leaving \$60.00 as the present assets, exclusive of dues, which, as yet, have not been collected. The hall is suitable. This Chapter was not represented at the Grand Chapter. The prospects of this Chapter are good, and that a prosperous and efficient Chapter animated by life, vigor, and usefulness, will arise on the ruins of late years.

HARRIS CHAPTER, No. 41, Ingersoll: This Chapter meets at Ingersoll, on the second Friday of each month. It has a membership of 33. The average attendance is 14. I am the Z., and have exemplified all the degrees during the last year, and have been assisted by the H. and J. The quality of the work of H. and J. is fair, of the Principal Sojourner, good. The P. Z., R. E. Comp. Slawson, has exemplified the degrees of P. M. and M. E. M., during the year. Eleven convocations have been held during the year, nine regular and two emergent. The S. E.'s books are marked by neatness and correctness, and the small number and short period of those in default for dues are the proof of his attention and efficiency. The condition of the Treasurer's books is good. The cash is paid over promptly to the Treasurer, and is deposited in one of the Banks here in his name. The dues outstanding over a year are \$8.00. There are four companions in arrears over one year. Over two years none. The longest period any companion is in arrear is one year, and five months. The furniture is valued at \$300.00, and is insured for \$300.00. So far an inventory has not been kept, but will be hereafter. The assets are: Furniture, &c, \$300.00; cash on hand \$90.00, dues in arrear, about \$9.00, total \$399.00. There are no liabilities. The Lodge room is rented, and is suitable for a Chapter room. The Chapter was represented at last Grand Chapter by myself. The prospects of the Chapter are very good.

OXFORD CHAPTER, No. 18, Woodstock.—I have been unable to obtain a report from this Chapter, the Scribe E. having left the country last summer, and has since died. Little has been done during the year, and not more than two or three convocations have been held. Some of the officers have pro

mised to re-organize this fall, and hope to be able to give a better report of the Chapter by this time twelve months.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

M. WALSH,
Grand Supt. Wilson District.

No. 4, WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Wellington District.

WATERLOO CHAPTER, No. 32, Galt, has been unsuccessful as regards exaltations until lately. At a meeting held on July 8th, the working of the Chapter has renewed success. Meetings have been held regularly, and the Chapter is in excellent financial condition.

GUELPH CHAPTER, No. 40, Guelph.—This is the banner Chapter of the district for the past year, having had a number of exaltations and regular meetings. The work of conferring degrees exceedingly well done.

ELORA CHAPTER, No. 49, Elora, has not been doing much work, but has officers at its head who do not neglect their duty. Meetings have been held with fair regularity.

ENTERPRISE CHAPTER, No. 67, Harriston. It is impossible to get notice of meetings. It is doubtful whether any meetings have been held.

IONIC Chapter, No. 83, Orangeville, has held all its regular meetings, but has had no work to do until recently. They have a bright prospect before them.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN SHUPE,
Grand Supt. Wellington District.

No. 5, HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

With pleasure I present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this district, and I am pleased to state that three of the four Chapters in this district are performing the good work in a manner which is a credit to all concerned.

WENTWORTH CHAPTER, No. 87, Dundas as reported by my predecessor, R. Ex. Comp. Hugh Murray, is still in a very unsatisfactory state. I have several times endeavored to get a meeting of the companions of that Chapter, so that something of a definite character might be arrived at, but have been unsuccessful. I strongly recommend that the companions of Wentworth Chapter, No. 87, either return their warrant to Grand Chapter, or amalgamate with one of the Hamilton bodies (Hiram No. 2, or St. John's No. 6) as a Chapter in Dundas is too near the successful Chapters in this city.

THE HIRAM No. 2, Hamilton, and ST. JOHN'S No. 6, Hamilton.—During December, 1888, I officially visited the two Chapters in Hamilton, I have also, on many other occasions, attended their meetings. The beautiful work of the degrees cannot be better exemplified than in the manner rendered by the officers of Hiram and St. John's Chapters. Their work is correct. The Chapters are in good financial standing, and the membership, the largest in Grand Chapter, is still being strengthened by good material.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, No. 75, Milton.—On Jan. 9th, 1889, I visited St. Clair Chapter, No. 75, Milton. This Chapter is a credit to the Grand Body, and is governed by officers who have the greatest interest centred in the advancement of Royal Arch Masonry. The following is the financial standing of the Chapter: Amount of funds on hand, above all liabilities, \$120; amount of dues still unpaid, being good, \$225; total, \$345; The average attendance is 12. The Chapter has met regularly, and during the year has conferred the subordinate and Royal Arch degrees upon two candidates. As regards work, I am satisfied that the most careful ritualist would praise the manner in which the work is exemplified.

The district was honored by a visit from the M. Ex. Grand Z., the occasion being the regular convocation of St. John's Chapter No. 6, on May 9th, when he was accompanied by the other two members of the Grand Council, R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, Grand H., R. E. Comp. John E. Harding, Grand J., and R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Grand Scribe E. The exemplification of the Holy Royal Arch degree by R. E. Comp. E. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer, Z. of this Chapter, and his very efficient staff of officers, elicited the eoniums of the M. Ex. Grand Z. for the highly satisfactory manner in which the work was rendered.

The utmost peace, harmony and brotherly love prevail in this district. I am sure that as long as the companions make the selection of their rulers upon the basis of electing good men and true, and with the interest of the beautiful work at heart, the same condition of Royal Arch Masonry will long continue to prevail.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

C. W. MULLIGAN,
Grand Supt. Hamilton District.

No. 6, HURON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Huron District.

Of the seven Chapters in the district one is dormant, one has not met during the year, and five are in fair working order, as shown below :

TECUMSEH, No. 24, Stratford, meets on the first Tuesday of each month. I am S. E. of this Chapter. We have 36 members on the roll, twenty of whom are non-resident, and, of course, many of them never attend our convocations. During the early part of the year we could not muster a quorum, although for five consecutive months eight members appeared. Since then we have had seven regular meetings well attended, with several informal meetings for instruction. The benefits of these meetings were very marked at our June convocation, when the R. A. was worked by Ex. Comp. Gearing in a satisfactory manner. The subordinate degrees having been worked by him and the Past Z's. on two candidates during preceding months. There are thirteen members one year, six two years, and two five years in arrears. The collections made by the S. E. are handed over to the Treasurer, by whom they are deposited. The dues are \$3.00 per annum. The financial condition is good.

HURON, No. 30, Goderich, meets on the third Tuesday of each month, except July and August. I visited this Chapter on June 18th. and found the books of S. E. Comp. H.W. Ball in excellent order. It has a membership of 46, with an average attendance of 13. At four regular and three emergent convocations, the work of the subordinate degrees was done by E.

Comp. J. W. Green, Z. The cash collected by the S. E. is handed over to the Treasurer. The annual dues of resident members are \$2.00, and of non-resident, \$1.00. There are six companions one year, twenty-three over two years, and three over three years in arrears. The furniture is valued at \$300, which, with outstanding dues, constitute the assets, while the liabilities are nil. The furniture is not insured.

ST. JAMES'S, NO. 46, St. Mary's.—During the year, I have called on the leading members of this Chapter, and on one occasion met the resident members by appointment, at which time I thought the prospects for resuscitation were very fair, but, on mature consideration, the companions have decided that it would be unwise to attempt such a work, as they have a resident membership of five only, with a limited supply of material to draw from. E. Comp. Sharpe wrote me on February 19th, after consulting the others: "My own convictions are that we cannot restore the Chapter, and that we might as well surrender our charter now, as later. I am very sorry such is the case, but it is, and cannot be helped." Having gone into the subject thoroughly, and finding no hopes of resuming work, I would recommend the withdrawal of the charter.

HAVELOCK, No. 63, Kincardine.—Meets on the third Thursday monthly. The present membership is forty-seven, with an average attendance of sixteen. During the past year there were twelve regular, and two emergent convocations, the work done consisting of two M. M., three P. M., three M. E. M., and two R. A., all of which was done by E. Comp. R. D. Hall, Z. I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on the 20th June, and received a cordial welcome. The cash collected by the S. E. is promptly handed over to the Treasurer, and deposited in the Bank. There is one member over one year, and one over two years in arrears. The furniture is valued at \$650.00, and is insured at \$500, in addition to which they have a cash asset of \$175, and no liabilities. The books and accounts are neatly and systematically kept, for which the S. E., Comp. J. C. Cook, and his predecessor, deserve great credit. E. Comp. Hall, and the officers, are well posted. This is the best Chapter in the district.

THE MALLOCH, No. 66, Clinton.—Meets on Friday before full moon. I visited this Chapter, on March 15th, expecting to see the R. A. worked, but the weather was unfavorable, and the roads so bad that the material could not be brought up.

The books and accounts of the S. E. are well kept, reflecting credit on that officer. There are thirty-five members on the roll, the average attendance being sixteen. During the year, there were five regular, and one emergent convocation, the work done being two M. M., one P. M., one M. E. M., and one R. A., all by R. E. Comp. Malloch, P. Z., Treasurer, and S. E., to whom credit is due for the present condition of the Chapter. The annual dues are \$3.00, and for those over five miles from the Chapter, \$1.50. There are seven members one year, two, two years, and two over three years in arrears. The Chapter was represented in Grand Chapter last year by proxy.

LEBANON, No. 84, Wingham.—This Chapter should meet on the first Wednesday of every month, but, during the past year, has not met at all, being unable to get a quorum. On December 1st, the S. E. wrote me: "The Z. instructs me to write, saying there would be no prospect of a meeting to receive your visit on the 5th inst, as proposed. We have not been having meetings for lack of quorums. Both the Blue Lodge, and the Chapter are almost dormant here." On March 14th, I wrote again, trying to arrange a visit, or a meeting with the leading members, but got no reply. The assets are placed at \$300. Liabilities \$100. Furniture valued at \$250.00, and insured. There are thirty-two members on the roll. Dues \$3.00 per annum. Thirteen members one year, thirteen two years, and some over five years in arrears. I had hoped to report more satisfactorily, but the information has not arrived.

EXETER, No. 85, Exeter.—Meets on the first Tuesday of each month. It has twenty-three members on the roll, with an average attendance of twelve. There were seven regular convocations during the year, when one P. M., one M. E. M., and one R. A. degree were worked, by E. Comp. H. Spackman, Z. The cash collected by the S. E. is promptly handed to the Treasurer, by whom it is deposited in the Bank. The dues are \$2.00 per annum. There are two members one year, and two, two years in arrears, three years being the longest period any member is in arrears. There are no liabilities, while the assets are not stated. The furniture is insured. The Chapter was represented at last Grand Chapter by the Z. I visited this Chapter on January 8th, when the officers were installed. From general appearances, I have every reason for believing it to be in a healthy condition.

While Capitular Masonry is not flourishing in this district,

I think there is a fair prospect of revival. An official visit paid by Grand Council appears to have done good here, as well as in other places.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

I. BAKER,
Grand Supt. Huron District.

NO. 7, NIAGARA DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I entered upon my duties as Grand Superintendent of the Niagara District, under rather depressing circumstances inasmuch as a somewhat despondent feeling appeared to prevail in regard to Capitular Masonry in this part of the Province. I am, however, happy to say that after having visited all the Chapters in the district, with one exception, I take a much brighter and more hopeful view of the future prospects of Royal Arch Masonry in this peninsula. It must be admitted, though, that the membership is not nearly as large as might be expected, considering the favorable circumstances in which most of the Chapters are placed for adding to the number of companions on their rolls. There are in the jurisdiction of every Chapter in this district many worthy Craft Masons who would be a credit to Capitular Masonry, and who would themselves derive much advantage and pleasure from the beautiful teachings of its several degrees, more especially the Holy Royal Arch. That these brethren do not seek to gain further light in Masonic science is a matter of regret. If the same desire for knowledge which prompted them in the first place to apply for admission into the symbolic lodge still animates their actions, it would appear to me that the proper and legitimate way of gratifying that desire would be to knock at the door of the Chapter. If the mysteries of our order, and the lessons of purity and virtue which they so powerfully inculcate, were more thoroughly studied by Craft Masons, I feel confident that our Chapters would speedily reap the benefit. As long as a Mason is in reality a seeker after truth, he will endeavor to make daily progress in Masonic knowledge, and to penetrate deeper and deeper into the secrets of the sublime science. It is when his aims become more selfish and mercenary that he cares no more for further light in Masonry, and prefers institutions which promise him greater material and monetary advantages. The degree of the Holy Royal Arch is the

summit and completion of Ancient York Masonry. To obtain it should be the object of every true craftsman's ambition, and I am happy to say that it is so regarded by the greater number of our most zealous and prominent Masons. I have observed that in the great majority of cases, a Mason who is strongly attached to his lodge, who is a constant attendant and willing worker, will be found equally earnest in the discharge of his duties in the Chapter. It is gratifying to see such a state of things, because it shows that between the lodge and the chapter complete harmony exists, as should always be the case. Of course, when there is no Chapter within an easy distance, many active and well skilled Masons are often found who have never yet taken the Capitular degree. This, however, is the effect of circumstances rather than choice, as nearly every such brother with whom I have conversed has expressed a desire to obtain further light, whenever the opportunity of doing so may occur. I append a detailed account of my visits to the several Chapters in the district :

MOUNT MORIAH, No. 19, St. Catharines.—This was the first Chapter officially visited by me. A candidate for exaltation being present, I had an opportunity of seeing the degree of the Holy Royal Arch conferred. The work was well done. R. Ex. Comp. Dr. E. Goodman, who is an old member of the Chapter, was present and assisted. The attendance was good, as, I am told, it generally is during the winter months. Mount Moriah Chapter is steadily increasing its membership. Being the only Chapter in the city of St. Catharines, it has abundance of material to draw from, and I see no reason why it should not ere long be one of the strongest Chapters in this part of Ontario. During the winter months it has met regularly, and work has been done at nearly every meeting. Ex. Comp. Mittleberger, the 1st Principal, and the rest of the officers, have set to work in earnest, and I have no doubt that before their year of office terminates the fruits of their labors will be apparent.

KING HIRAM, No. 57, Port Colborne.—I visited this Chapter twice, and saw work done in the Past Master's, Most Excellent Master's, and Royal Arch degrees. R. E. Comp. Dr. J. B. Neff, who has held the office of First Principal for some three or four years, takes a lively interest in the prosperity of the Chapter, and its affairs are well managed. During the summer it is found impossible to hold regular meetings, as many of the companions are absent from home, being engaged

in maritime pursuits, but in winter, which is their season of leisure, they attend the Chapter well, and work with a will. On the occasion of my second visit, when the degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred, I was much pleased with the manner in which the officers discharged the duties assigned them. E. Comp. E. Smith, the second principal in particular, had his work well committed to memory, and rendered it impressively. Both he and the 3rd Principal, E. Comp. James Harris, are old and zealous Masons, Past 2nd's of the Chapter, and also Past Masters of long standing in craft Masonry.

MOUNT NEBO, NO. 76, Niagara Falls South.—At its regular convocation in April, I made my official visit to this Chapter. The attendance was not large, but the companions present were brethren who had rendered good service to the craft. The First Principal, E. Comp. Dr. James McGarry, has held that position for some years. The companions place great confidence in his capacity and judgement, and with very good reason. The Chapter is composed, for the most part, of companions living at some distance from the place of meeting, several of them being farmers. In consequence of this circumstance they have not been able to meet regularly during those seasons of the year when the roads are in a bad condition. This Chapter has not done much work for the past two years, but a brighter era appears to be dawning, for on the night of my visit, several petitions were presented, all from good and true Masons. The Scribe E., Comp. Hyatt, is a model of what a scribe should be. His books are not accurately kept, but are beautiful specimens of penmanship.

WILLSON, NO. 64, Welland.—I visited this Chapter, at its regular convocation in May. Found it in a very good condition. R. E. Comp. I. P. Willson has been its First Principal for some years past. He has labored earnestly to promote its prosperity, in which good work he has been ably seconded by the Past Principals and the companions generally. The books are well kept, and reflect credit on the Scribe E., E. Comp. Bridgeman. This Chapter meets regularly, and has done some work during the year, although when the material and territory it has to draw from is taken into consideration, the additions to the membership are not so numerous as might be expected. The Past Master's degree was conferred upon a candidate on the night of my visit. The work was well and correctly done, and I have no doubt the same accuracy prevails in all the other degrees.

NIAGARA, No. 55, Niagara.—At an emergent convocation in May, I made my visit to this Chapter, and reached old Niagara, half-drenched and benumbed and bespattered with mire, having had to drive some fourteen miles over muddy roads, and through a pelting rain storm. But the warm welcome I received from the companions who were waiting at the gates to meet me, or, in reality, at the hotel, acted as a restorative, and I was soon all right, and ready for duty. There is no place in Canada that I visited with greater pleasure than this birthplace and cradle of Freemasonry, of the Masonry of Ontario, at least. The companions are zealous workers for the good of the Chapter, and well versed in the mysteries of the Craft. Conspicuous among them is R. E. Comp. J. M. Clement, a P. G. S. of the district. The First Principal, E. Comp. D. Servos, is an old Mason, who understands his duties well. The Second Principal, E. Comp. J. G. Rousseaux, is a young Mason, who has shown great enthusiasm and zeal for the order. This Chapter meets regularly and is in a flourishing condition.

GRIMSBY CHAPTER, No. 69, Grimsby.—This was the last Chapter visited by me. Owing to circumstances beyond my control, I could not make my visit during the winter or spring, and was compelled to defer it until the 3rd of July. The Chapter meets on the first Wednesday in every second month, and for some cause or other no meetings have been held during the past winter. Notwithstanding this I consider it in a very healthy condition. The finances are admirably managed, and there is a nice little balance in the hands of the Treasurer. Some of the companions who were in former times most zealous workers have removed from the village, among them V.E. Comp. Loosley, an enthusiastic Mason, well skilled in the work of both Lodges and Chapter. The election of officers took place on the night of my visit. R.E. Comp. Wm. Gibson, well known for his services to Craft Masonry, was elected Z., in place of R. E. Comp. Forbes, P. G. S., who has held that office during the last two years. Another old veteran, and former Z. of the Chapter, Ex. Comp. Millward, was elected H. This Chapter has a good field for work, and I have no doubt of its ultimate prosperity.

MCCALLUM CHAPTER, No. 27, Dunnville.—This being the Chapter of which I am myself a member, and being also located so near me, I have had abundant opportunity of visiting it. Although there are still a good number of names on the roll, the membership has somewhat decreased of late years, owing prin-

cipally to deaths and removals.* No additions have been made to it during the past twelve months, consequently I have seen no work in this Chapter, but from what I have witnessed in times gone by, I am justified in saying that among the Past Principals there are to be found companions eminently qualified to confer all the degrees in accordance with the requirements of the ritual.

In conclusion, the work of visitation has been to me a labor of love. It has enabled me to renew my acquaintance with many old and esteemed Masonic associates, and to derive both profit and pleasure from my intercourse with them, and now that my day of existence is drawing to a close, and the sound of the gavel must soon be heard in the west, I prize more and more every opportunity of meeting with those time-honored fellow-workers, whose friendship has so often been to me as a stream of sunlight shining through the shadows of life.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

THOS. L. M. TIPTON,
Grand Supt. Niagara District

No. 8, TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Toronto District :

I have not deemed it expedient to hold any general Chapter of instruction during my term of office, for two reasons. In the first place, as two Chapters of instruction were held last year by my immediate predecessor, which were well attended, and where excellent advice and instruction were imparted, I considered that I was better discharging my duty to the craft by ascertaining to what extent the different Chapters in the district had profited by the instruction they had received, than by administering more. Secondly, I conceive that more real and lasting good is conferred on the various Chapters by an individual visit of the Grand Superintendent, a careful scrutiny of their books, and personal advice, correction or encouragement, as may be required, than they would obtain by attending a mass meeting of the companions, called together to witness the exemplification of the degrees, no matter how perfectly the work may be done—at any rate, without desiring to throw the

least discredit upon Chapters of instruction, which, I am prepared to admit, have been of incalculable advantage in encouraging perfect and uniform work, and have reflected both honor on past Grand Superintendents, and credit on the officers participating in them, yet it cannot but be conceded that frequent visits to each Chapter are of the first importance for their individual well being, and enable the Grand Superintendent to make himself familiar with their working, condition and requirements, which would seem to be essential to the complete success of his efforts. I have endeavored to carry out this idea, as far as it was practicable, and have spared neither time nor trouble in obtaining data for the following report on the Chapters of this district in detail.

ST. ANDREW'S AND ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 4, Toronto.—I visited this Chapter on the 18th January, 1889, and installed the officers, and again on the 8th May, 1889, when the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Thomas Hill, and the Second Principal, Ex. Comp. R. McKim, worked the M. E. M. and R. A. M. degrees fairly well. Some of the officers are not very regular in their attendance, and there is too much book work in the Chapter. There are 97 members on the roll. Average attendance 20. They have held ten regular and two emergent meetings, and have admitted six new members during the year. The fees and dues are collected by the Treasurer, V. E. Comp. John Erskine, but the amount is too insignificant to warrant a bank account. There are twenty members in arrears, representing a considerable sum, but the Treasurer and First Principal are taking steps to reduce it. Assets, \$66.76. Liabilities nominal. The furniture is insured, and the hall is the handsomest in the district. The Chapter was represented at last meeting of Grand Chapter by R. E. Comp. S. Porter, the First Principal, and others. They draw their membership from all the city lodges, but chiefly from St. Andrew's, St. John's, Doric and Stevenson. The older members very rarely attend the meetings, but the younger members, especially those of one and two years' standing, are very regular. The prospects of the Chapter are good, but they sustained a heavy loss in the death of the R. E. Comp. Seymour Porter.

KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, No. 8, Toronto.—This is the oldest Chapter, save one, in this district. It calls itself the "Banner Chapter," and from the long list of eminent Royal Arch Masons among its members, ought, certainly, to be the first and most efficient on the roll of Grand Chapter. I

visited the Chapter on 7th November, when E. Comp. R. L. Patterson worked the R. A. degree in good form, some of the officers were absent, which necessarily marred the effect ; indeed the Second Principal, I understand, rarely attends. The P. S. work was most accurately rendered by Comp. C. E. McDonald, and the importance of this office cannot be too highly estimated, nor the work too carefully performed. I was present at the installation service on January 2nd, and again on 3rd March, when the Mark Master's degree was very fairly worked by 3rd Principal C. E. McDonald, and the newly elected officers. The present Ex. Z., John Akers, is making strenuous efforts to improve the work of the subordinate officers, and to instill zeal and enthusiasm into the hearts of the companions, by holding Chapters of instruction each month, in which he is ably aided by the Second Principal, E. Comp. Robert Oliver. I believe he has hopes of being fairly successful. There are 146 members on the roll. Average attendance 20. They have held twelve regular meetings this year, and have admitted eight new members. The cash is promptly paid M. to Ex. Comp. Sargant, who banks it in his own name. There are no members in arrears of dues. Assets \$2,441.90. Liabilities nil. The furniture is insured. The Hall, which has just been renovated, repaired, and decorated is suitable and handsome. The Chapter was represented at the last meeting of Grand Chapter by R. E. Comp. A. Patterson, E. Comp. R. L. Patterson, and E. Comp. John Akers. The prospects are good, and the future hopeful.

MANITOU CHAPTER, No. 27, Collingwood.—This is the only active Chapter in my district, which I have been unable to visit, but their meetings were infrequent, and were held at dates which clashed with my other engagements, so that I am sorry to say I have found it impossible to pay them a visit. I regret this the more, because I think that if official visits from Grand Superintendents are calculated to be of any benefit, the preference in those visits should be given to such Chapters as are weak, and stand in need of encouragement and countenance. There are 27 members on the roll of this Chapter. Average attendance for the year 10. They have held three regular, and no emergent meetings, and no new members have been admitted. The cash is paid promptly to the Treasurer, R. E. Comp. E. R. Carpenter, who deposits it in his own name. There are nine members in arrears for dues, but a strenuous effort is now being made by E. Comp. W. T. Toner, First Principal, and E.

Comp. F. B. Gregory, S. E., and I trust their efforts to collect the back dues may be successful. The assets are \$70.00, including outstanding dues. Liabilities nil. The furniture is insured, and the Hall is suitable. The Chapter was represented at last meeting of Grand Chapter by R. E. Comp. John Nettleton. There are but twelve R.A. Masons in Collingwood, and so little interest in the Chapter is felt that it is exceedingly difficult to get sufficient companions together to open. Under these circumstances, it is not strange that no candidates are offering, and that no work is being done. E. Comps. W. T. Toner, and Frank B. Gregory, are enthusiastic R. A. Masons, and are and have been doing all that is in their power to infuse life and energy into the Chapter, but one swallow does not make a spring.

SIGNET CHAPTER, No. 34, Barrie.—This is one of the strongest of the country Chapters, situated in the thriving town of Barrie, in a populous and intelligent neighborhood, with strong Lodges to draw from, it is, as might be expected, active and prosperous. I paid an official visit to this Chapter on the 19th of April, (Good Friday) and the four degrees were conferred upon three candidates. It was a whole day's work, the Mark Masters' Lodge opening at 11.30, a. m., and the Chapter closing at 11, p. m. with intervals for refreshments. The degrees were worked by the proper officers, impressively, and very fairly, the Ex. Z., Comp. D. F. Macwatt, taking the greater part of the work, and doing it well, ably assisted by E. Comps. R. E. Fletcher, E. A. Capon, J. H. McKeggie, and others. There are 51 members on the roll. Average attendance 12. They have held 11 regular, and three emergent meetings, and have admitted five new members. The cash is promptly paid to M. E. Comp. D. Spry, the Treasurer, who banks it in the name of Signet Chapter. There are twelve companions in arrears of dues. Assets \$500; Liabilities nil. The hall is commodious and suitable. The Chapter was represented at last meeting of Grand Chapter by the E. First and Second Principals. The membership is chiefly drawn from Corinthian Lodge, No 96, and Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie; from Orillia Lodge, No. 192, and Thorne Lodge, No. 281, Orillia; from Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge; Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst, and others. They have in addition to the above, six applications now in, five of which are already balloted for and accepted.

SEYMOUR CHAPTER, No. 38, Bradford.—At the commencement of my term of office, urged by a personal request from the Grand Z., I made strenuous efforts to ascertain the condition and circumstances of this Chapter, with the view, if possible, of its resuscitation, but I cannot say that I have met with any success, and only with very meagre information. There does not appear to have been an election of officers for years. There seems to be no one in charge of the Chapter or its property, and I can get no replies to my letters. E. Comp. W.H. Porter, a past Z. of the Chapter, but not now a member (having taken his demit two or four years ago) tells me the case is hopeless, and while offering me all the assistance in his power, says that any effort to revivify the Chapter will be useless. From another source, I learn that Comp. Charles Elliot was the last S. E., and that he, possibly, has the minute book. Comp. A. Thompson was Treasurer, but he never had a cash book, and as regards the funds “there is not more than fifty cents one way or the other.” The Chapter regalia, the seal, plate, and other things are locked up in a box in the Lodge room, but the key being lost access to them was unattainable. The alter, key-stone, candle-stick, and veils, are in a lumber room and can be got at. The Chapter owes Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, G. R. C., several years’ rent for the room, and, altogether, Royal Arch Masonry is here in such a deplorable condition that Grand Chapter cannot do better than cancel the warrant at once. If there are any active R. A. Masons in the town, they may be inclined to join Doric Chapter, at Newmarket, when they no longer have a Chapter of their own, or a new Chapter might be inaugurated at Bradford under happier auspices. At any rate, Seymour Chapter is dead, and its usefulness departed.

GEORGIAN CHAPTER, No. 56, Owen Sound.—I recur to the visit I paid this Chapter on the 19th March, with peculiar pleasure, not only on account of the excellent work I witnessed, and the pleasant surroundings in Chapter and ante-room, but also in grateful recollection of the warm and hearty welcome extended to me by all the companions. The Royal Arch degree was worked according to the old ritual in a most careful and painstaking manner, the performance of V. Ex. the First Principal, and the Principal Sojourner, being particularly good. This is the only Chapter in the district where the regulation or order of entering the Chapter, as laid down in the ritual, is observed. The companions form two lines outside the Chapter

portal, the Principals and Past Principals going between these rows enter first, and open the Council, the Scribes and Companions following in due course, and the order is observed until all have entered. There are 39 members on the roll, the average attendance being 10. Regular meetings held during the year, 7. Emergent meetings, 4. Four new members were admitted. The cash is promptly paid to the Treasurer, and is deposited in the names of V. Ex. Comp. Allan Cameron and Ex. Comp. James McLauchlin. The arrears of dues are very considerable, as follows: Number of companions over one year, six; over two years, two; over three years, three; over five years, nine; making in all twenty defaulters, which is the more surprising as the dues are but \$1.60 per annum, and the Chapter is healthy and active. The assets are \$578. Liabilities \$60. Value of furniture, \$300, fully insured. The hall is particularly handsome. The decorations and frescoes are very pleasing, and the whole suite of Chapter, ante and refreshment rooms is most suitable and convenient. The Chapter was represented at last meeting of Grand Chapter by M. E. Comp. H. Macpherson and R. E. Comp. John Creasor.

DORIC CHAPTER, No. 60, Newmarket.—I visited this Chapter on the 1st May, 1889, and, though there was a fair representation of members present, I regret to say there was no work. The Chapter has practically been in a state of coma for the past year, not a single meeting having been held between May, 1888, and February, 1889. This condition of things is the more surprising because at the Chapters of instruction, which were held by R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Widdifield, at Barrie, on the 2nd December, 1887, and at Toronto, on 20th April, 1888, the Most Excellent Master's degree, as well as the Royal Arch degree, were both very efficiently exemplified by the companions of this Chapter. I can only suppose that the efforts put forward on these two occasions so exhausted the companions that they considered themselves entitled to a rest ever since. A serious accident which happened in January, 1889, to Ex. Comp. A. Borngasser, a very energetic member of this Chapter, delayed the elections until February, when a number of the most enthusiastic members were elected to office, and I am assured that the prospects for Doric Chapter were never so bright as they are now. This Chapter draws its membership from four Lodges, viz., Tuscan, of Newmarket; Rising Sun, of Aurora; Georgina, of Sutton; and Sharon, of Sharon, but the support of Lodges outside of Newmarket is very meagre.

There are 32 members on the roll. Regular meetings held, 4. Emergent meetings, none. Attendance 13. The money is promptly handed to the Treasurer, and it is deposited by him in his own name. There were no new members admitted during the year. None are in arrear. The assets are \$200. Liabilities, nil. The furniture is insured. The hall is suitable. They were represented at last meeting of Grand Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Widdifield, Ex. Comp. Allan, and Ex. Comp. Ratcliffe. Just as I am closing my report I am advised that four candidates are going up for the Mark Master's degree at the meeting on the 3rd July. I rejoice at this evidence of returning vigour.

YORK CHAPTER, No. 62, Eglington.—This Chapter has been semi-dormant for the past six or seven years. Their meetings during that period were few and irregular, but one candidate came forward, fire destroyed their property, several members deserted them, and the Chapter was on the brink of ruin. I was especially urged by the M. E. the Grand Z., and the R. E. the Grand S. E., to attempt the resuscitation of the Chapter, and to use my best endeavors to prevent its extinction. I therefore invited some of the Past Principals to meet me, and review the position of affairs. Accordingly, on the 5th October, 1888, I proceeded to Eglington, and met R. Ex. Comp. John Fisher, Ex. Comp. John McCarter, and Comp. James E. Hopkins, the three oldest stand-bys of the Chapter, who were all eager to put the Chapter in good shape, and hopeful of accomplishing the same. Without going into details, I may state that the result of the frequent meetings, and much anxious thought, was that several Companions from St. Paul's Chapter, No 65, affiliated, and the winter elections saw three of these affiliated companions the Principals of the Chapter. The M. E. the Grand Z. promptly granted dispensations to enable them to fill these positions, and on the 17th January, 1889, R. E. Comp. John Fisher installed the officers, and since then the Chapter has progressed very satisfactorily. On the 22nd November I witnessed the M. E. M. and R. A. degrees conferred upon five candidates, the work being very creditably done by Ex. Comp. J. Burke and R. E. Comp. J. Fisher. This was the first time these degrees have been worked since 1885. After several private visits, I paid a second official visit to this Chapter on June 13th, when, in the presence of a large number of visiting companions from city Chapters, the R. A.

degree was excellently worked by Ex. Comp. R. Hall, Ex. Comp. W. Roaf and Ex. Comp. J. Reeves. The P. S. work of Comp. J. H. McKenzie was particularly good, and every officer acquitted himself admirably. I take special pleasure in reporting favorably upon the prospects of this Chapter, as it is an instance of the satisfactory results that may be obtained by combined effort and determined zeal. There are 42 members on the roll. Average attendance for the last six months is 18. They have held nine regular and one emergent meeting, have admitted fifteen new members, and there are now six candidates waiting for the Mark degree. There are seven members in arrears of dues. The assets are \$420.75. Liabilities \$33.75. The furniture is insured, and the hall is suitable. The Chapter was represented at the last meeting of Grand Chapter by M.E. Comp. Thomas Sargent, M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, and V. E. Comp. E. T. Malone. The fire, of which I spoke, left them destitute of every Chapter necessary, but since January robes and jewels and other paraphernalia have been purchased, and now they possess everything except the banners, which I presume will soon be added.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, No. 65, Toronto.—This being my mother Chapter, of course, I attended all the meetings both regular and emergent. The Chapter is closed in the hot months, and on the 10th October, the Mark degree was worked by E. Comp. A. D. Ponton, and the regular officers, almost without a single slip. On the 14th November, the R.A. degree was worked by Z., E. Comp. F. F. Manley, and the regular officers in an exemplary manner. On the 9th January, I installed the newly elected officers, during the official visit of the Grand Z. and many illustrious R. A. companions, who were present to welcome the M. E. Comp. In February and March the subordinate degrees were worked by the Second and Third Principals, and on the 10th April, the R. A. was again exemplified, and almost perfectly, and on the 12th June, the R. A. degree was working without defect. This Chapter is one of the most carefully worked Chapters in the district, and the almost perfect correctness of the work is attributable to the fact that the Chapter holds a meeting of instruction every month on the Monday evening immediately preceding the regular convocation, when, under the guidance of the Ex. Z., or some Past Z., the officers go carefully through the work of the following Wednesday. If this plan were adopted by the other Chapters there would be better work all round. There

are 83 members on the roll. Average attendance for the year is 28. There were ten regular, and three emergent meetings, and twelve new members were admitted. The cash is promptly paid to the Treasurer, who deposits it in the Peoples L. & D. Co., in his own name. There are no members in arrears of dues. Assets are \$630.54. Liabilities nil. The furniture is insured, and the Hall suitable. The Chapter was represented at the last meeting of Grand Chapter by the three Principals and several Past Z.'s. The membership is chiefly drawn from Ionic Lodge, No. 25, and Ashlar, No. 247, G.R.C. The prospects are first rate.

OCCIDENT CHAPTER, No. 77, Toronto.—I visited this Chapter on the 11th February, when the Mark Master's degree was worked. The Ex. Z. did his work admirably, but he was poorly supported by his officers, also on the 11th March, I saw the M. E. M degree worked, with the same results. On the 8th April, the R. A. degree was worked, and I noticed a great improvement. E. Comp. Oliver, of King Solomon's Chapter, relieved the Second Principal, E. Comp. L. B. Montgomery, and the degree was well exemplified, all through the P.S. being exceptionally good. E. Comp. Riddle, has taken great pains to interest the companions in their work, and his efforts are bearing good fruit. There are 73 members in the Chapter, and the average attendance for the last six months is 26. During the year they have held twelve regular and two emergent meetings. They have admitted five new members, and eight candidates are now waiting for the Mark degree. The cash is promptly paid to the Treasurer, who deposits it in a Bank, in his own name. There are no members in arrears. Assets \$350.00. Liabilities nil. The furniture is insured. The Hall is in every way suitable. The Chapter was represented at the last meeting of Grand Chapter, by M. E. Comps. Thos. Sargant, F. J. Menet and Daniel Spry, and by E. Comps. Jos. Hickson, Z., Wm. Riddle, H., L. B. Montgomery, J., J. Hetherington, P. Z., V. E. Comp. A. G. Horwood, P. Z., R. E., Comp. Jas. Wilson P.Z., and John A. Wills, P.Z. I granted them a dispensation in the Spring to remove to their present hall, which they occupy in conjunction with Occident Lodge, No. 346, and St. George's Lodge, No. 367, from which Lodges they chiefly draw their membership. This is a live Chapter, and under the present management promises well for the future.

ORIENT CHAPTER, No. 79, Toronto.—I visited this Chapter on the 25th October, 1888, when the Past Master's, and M.

Ex. Master's degrees were worked. Ex. Comp. W. Bain, 3rd Principal had charge of the P. M. degree, which was rather weak. The Second Principal was absent, and the M. E. M. degree was worked by Ex. Comp. Thos. Hill, the Second Principal of St. Andrew's and St. John's Chapter, in a very creditable manner. On the 24th January, I installed the officers, and on the 23rd May, I again visited the Chapter to witness the Mark Master's degree worked by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Ira Bates. There has been for some time a division of opinion among the companions of this chapter, on the question of removing to the Orient Hall, east of the Don, which was eventually settled by the desired change being voted upon, and carried by a two-thirds vote, at the convocation in March. Many of the old members have withdrawn, and the chapter is very weak in Past Principals. The three presiding officers were elected in January, which is far from being a healthy sign, and the chapter can only be said to be struggling along. The First Principal is untiring in his efforts, and 3rd Principal E. Comp. John Jones, is regular and energetic, but without the countenance and assistance of the other officers, these efforts are abortive in producing good work. Orient Lodge, No. 339, which meets in the same hall, and from which the chapter chiefly draws its members, is strong and healthy, and I trust that the future of the Chapter may be improved by its proximity to the lodge. There are 52 members on the roll, average attendance 12, and eight members have been admitted during the year. They have held twelve regular and three emergent meetings. The cash is promptly paid to the Treasurer, V. E. Comp. Leslie, and it is banked to the credit of Orient Chapter. There are six members in arrears of dues, chiefly of long standing. The assets are \$427.11. Liabilities nil. The furniture is insured. The Hall is in every way suitable, and is handsomely decorated. Life-sized portraits of many past officers ornament the walls. The Chapter was represented at the last meeting of Grand Chapter, by E. Comps. J. K. Leslie, Ira Bates, and J. Jones.

MACPHERSON CHAPTER, No. 86, Meaford.—I visited this Chapter on the 14th February, when the Mark Master's degree was very fairly worked by the proper officers. There being no candidate, a substitute was procured, and as I find almost invariably the case, there is less interest and snap shown, than when a veritable candidate is being put through. There were eleven members present, several of whom had driven ten or twelve miles, with the temperature many degrees below zero,

showing, at any rate, an interest in my visit. This Chapter has been weak for years, but the prospects for the future are brighter, and I was assured by the officers, among whom there seems to be a desire for increased R. A. knowledge, that stronger efforts were made to secure improved success. They draw their membership from two Lodges, viz: Pythagoras, No. 137, Meaford, and Beaver, No. 234, Clarksburg. There are 25 members on the roll, average attendance 12. They have held eight regular meetings, and one emergent meeting, and have admitted two new members. The cash is promptly paid to the Treasurer, who is responsible to the Chapter for it, and does not bank it. The arrears of dues are inconsiderable, and will be paid at the June convocation. Assets, \$600.00. Liabilities nil. The Hall is suitable, and the furniture is insured. The Chapter was represented at the last meeting of Grand Chapter, by R. E. Comp. Thos. McCarroll.

ANTIQUITY CHAPTER, NO. 91, Parkdale.—I visited this Chapter on December 11th, when the officers for the ensuing year were elected. There was a good meeting, but no work. On the 8th January, I installed the officers, the M. E., the Grand Z., being present. I have paid the Chapter three visits since then, and have seen all the degrees worked, the Principals and proper officers taking their several parts. The V. E. the First Principal, is too enthusiastic in R. A. Masonry, and too energetic himself to tolerate lethargy or carelessness in any of his officers. This may, therefore, be called a live and prospering Chapter, as the subjoined record will show, and the ritual is closely and carefully followed. There are 48 members on the roll. Average attendance 15. Number of regular meetings held, 12, of emergent 6. There have been sixteen new members admitted this year, and there are eight now proposed, who have not yet come forward. The cash is promptly paid to the Treasurer, who deposits it in the Imperial Bank in his own name. There is but one member in arrears of dues. Assets \$300. Liabilities, nil. The furniture is insured, and the Hall is in every way suitable. The Chapter was represented at the last meeting of Grand Chapter by all the Principals. The Chapter draws its membership chiefly from Alpha Lodge, No. 384, and Zeta Lodge, No. 410, but the other City Lodges are represented, and I think the outlook for Antiquity is exceeded by no Chapter in the district.

SPRY CHAPTER, No. 92, Alliston.—Of this Chapter I can obtain no details. They have made no returns to Grand Chap-

ter, either in 1887; or 1888, and I cannot learn that they have had any meetings or elections for years. My letters are unanswered, and from what I learn from a former resident of Beeton, a R. A. Companion, and a Past Master of Spry Lodge, No. 385, the Chapter is dead.

TUSCAN CHAPTER. No. 95, Brampton.—This Chapter, the youngest in the district, if not in the whole jurisdiction, continues to give the best signs of life, and activity. by admitting new material, keeping their high average of attendance and by doing good work. On the 10th September, I visited this Chapter, and presented the warrant of Grand Chapter. It had been previously working under a dispensation. I again visited them on the 21st January, and installed the officers. Again on the 4th March, 1889, and once more on the 18th June. The Third Principal, E. Comp. A. Morton, worked the Mark degree on both occasions, in a way that left nothing to be desired, and E. Comp. J. Sharpe, as First Principal, was fairly good in the R. A. There are six candidates now waiting for the ballot, and the prospects of the Chapter are most promising. They have thirty-eight members on the roll, average attendance eleven. They held thirteen regular meetings, and three emergent, and admitted seven new members. The cash is promptly paid to the Treasurer, who is responsible for its safety. There are no members in arrears of dues. Assets \$150. Liabilities nil. The Hall is suitable, and rented from the Blue Lodge. The Chapter was represented at the last meeting of Grand Chapter, by V. E. Comp. Bennett.

During the year I recommended the following dispensations be granted by Grand Chapter, all of which were issued:

January 10th, 1889. To enable Comps. Richard Hull and Wm. Roaf to be installed as First and Second Principals, respectively, of York Chapter, neither of them having filled the offices of H. and J.

January 10th, 1889. To enable E. Comp. Wm. Riddle to be installed as First Principal of Occident Chapter, he only having filled the office of H. for eleven months.

January 25th, 1889. To enable E. Comp. W. T. Toner, to be installed as First Principal of Manitou Chapter, he not having filled the office of H.

January 26th, 1889. To enable Orient Chapter to make changes in their by-laws, respecting the election of Hall Trustees.

I have granted the following dispensations : August 8th, 1888. To allow the companions of Occident Chapter to wear R. A. clothing, at the funeral of Comp. Hamilton.

December 4th, 1888. To allow Occident Chapter to remove into another room in the same building.

March 15th, 1889. To allow Orient Chapter to remove from Victoria Hall to the Orient Masonic Hall.

April 1st, 1889. To allow the companions of St. Andrew's and St. John's Chapter to wear R. A. clothing at the funeral of R. E. Comp. Seymour Porter.

In conclusion I may say that, though Royal Arch Masonry can hardly be said to boom in this district, yet, I can observe a very decided improvement during the last year or two. The ritual is more closely followed, the average attendance at most of the Chapters is greater, and there is a keener interest taken by the large majority of active companions in the correctness of the work, and the welfare of the Chapter. Of course, there are a few Chapters that have not experienced this revival, but I feel satisfied that very little effort is required to bring them all into line, and I think I am fully justified in reporting that Royal Arch Masonry, in the Toronto District, is in a healthy condition. Peace and harmony generally prevail, and the most cordial feeling exists between the different Chapters, largely fostered and encouraged by frequent interchange of visits. I desire to express my acknowledgments for the many kindnesses and courtesies that have been extended to me by all the companions I have met during my year of office.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

COLIN WM. POSTLETHWAITE,
Grand Supt Toronto District.

A SYNOPSIS OF REPORT FOR TORONTO DISTRICT—JULY 7TH, 1889.

NAME OF CHAPTER.	No. G.R.C.	Members on Roll.	Average Attendance.	No. of Meetings.	New Members.	Members in Arrears.	Assets.	Liabilities.	No. of Visits Paid by Gd. Supt'd.
St. Andrew's & St. John's....	4	97	20	12	6	20	\$ 66.75	nil.	2
King Solomon's ..	8	146	20	12	8	..	2441.90	"	3
Manitou.....	27	27	10	3	0	9	70.00	"	0
Signet	34	51	12	14	5	12	500.00	"	1
Georgian.....	56	39	10	11	4	20	578.00	\$60.00	1
Doric.....	60	32	13	4	0	0	200.00	nil.	1
York.....	62	42	18	10	15	7	420 75	\$33.75	4
St. Paul's.....	65	83	28	13	12	0	630.54	nil.	13
Occident.....	77	73	26	14	5	0	350.00	"	3
Orient.....	79	52	12	15	8	6	427.11	"	3
Macpherson.. ..	86	25	12	9	2	0	300.00	"	1
Antiquity.....	91	48	15	18	16	1	300.00	"	5
Tuscan	95	36	11	16	7	0	150.00	"	4

No. 9, ONTARIO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I herewith beg leave to submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario District.

PENTALPHA CHAPTER, No. 28, meets at Bowmanville.—This Chapter has not been as prosperous during the past year as the majority of the Chapters in this district. No candidates have been received, and the meetings have not been as well attended as formerly. This was explained in conversation with some of the officers, that owing to so few members being residents of the town, if any other meeting happened to fall on their night, it was almost impossible to get a quorum. The want of candidates was attributed to hard times, and the belief was expressed that as times improved, so would matters in the Chapter.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 35, meets at Whitby. This Chapter has added three members to its roll through initiations. Its meetings have been regularly held, and the attendance has slightly increased. The work has been fairly well done by the officers, and the prospects for the continued prosperity of the Chapter are good.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 36, meets at Peterborough. I have had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter twice during

my term of office, and on both occasions was most hospitably entertained. Four candidates have been admitted this year. The meetings have been regularly held, and the work has been well rendered by the officers. I should say that the future prosperity of the Chapter is good.

VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 37, meets at Port Hope. I regret being unable to visit this Chapter when they had work to do, but I am creditably informed that it is in a good financial condition, and that its prospects are brightening. Through removal of the workshops and railway offices from Port Hope, the Chapter lost a number of its active workers, but a revival in the Blue Lodges is bringing forward material, which will be of benefit to the Chapter. The removal of the Z. to the United States was another drawback of recent date, but the interests of the Chapter will not suffer as R. E. Comp. J. B. Traves, P. G. S., is acting as Z. until another election is held. The meetings have been regularly held and fairly attended.

EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, No. 45, Colborne.—This Chapter is in anything but a prosperous condition, and it seems doubtful if the companions want a Chapter. On corresponding with the Grand Scribe E., I found that they had not made returns since January, 1880. I wrote several times to them, and, as yet, have been unable to obtain any kind of an answer. I would, therefore, recommend that they be summonsd to show cause why the charter should not be withdrawn.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 48, meets at Cobourg. In the earlier part of the year, owing to business engagements, I was unable to visit this Chapter when they had work to do, and since then they have had no candidates. I am informed, however, that their meetings have been regularly held, fairly well attended, and the officers have kept themselves well posted in the work. The financial condition of the Chapter is good, and their prospects are fair.

MIDLAND CHAPTER, No. 94, meets at Lindsay. I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter at their May meeting and was very cordially received. Affairs in this Chapter have very materially advanced since recommending last December of the granting of a dispensation to install E. Comp. Dingle, as Z., he not having served as H. Seven candidates have been received, meetings have been held regularly, and work has been resumed with renewed vigor. The work of the principal officers is well

done, and affairs of the Chapter generally seem to be in a prosperous condition.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. R. HOWSE,
Grand Supt. Ontario District,

NO. 10, PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Prince Edward District.

There are three chapters in the district, viz: Moira, No. 7, Belleville; Prince Edward, No. 31, Picton; Mount Sinai, No. 44, Napanee; and also St. Mark's, under dispensation, at Trenton.

MOIRA CHAPTER, No. 7 Belleville.—This Chapter is under the careful supervision of R. Ex. Comp. Farley, and Ex. Comp. Arthur McGinnis, Z., of the Chapter. I am satisfied that the chapter is true to the interests of the Royal Craft.

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, No. 31, Picton.—Regular convocations are held. This Chapter is progressing favorably. In December I installed the officers, and under the zeal of these companions this Chapter will prosper. The officers conform to the work of Grand Chapter. Number of members on the roll, 57.

MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, No. 44, Napanee.—This Chapter is under the supervision of R. Ex. Comp. James Walters. Has exalted two companions during the year. Number of members on the roll, 43.

ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, U. D., Trenton, was opened on the 3rd April, 1889, with thirteen charter members. On the 10th April, in company with M. Ex. Comp. Donald Ross and Ex. Comp. E. W. Case, of Prince Edward Chapter, I visited said Chapter, and assisted in exalting five companions. The Chapter has received fourteen applications and exalted seven companions since its organization. The Chapter is under the supervision of Ex. Comp. Rev. Wm. Thos. Wilkins, and with the assistance of his staff of officers I am satisfied that the Chapter will prosper. I recommend that Grand Chapter grant a warrant, and that No. 26, of the former Chapter, which has been dormant for a number of years, be granted them. I have

had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter twice, and from the zeal displayed, I am sure that by another year they will be able to give a good report.

No Masonic complaint has been made to me during my year of office. Peace, love, and harmony prevail in this district.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN WARING,
Grand Supt. Prince Edward District.

NO. 11, CENTRAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to submit my second report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Central District for the past year.

I have much pleasure in reporting that all the Chapters in the district are in a prosperous condition, with two exceptions, Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, Pembroke, and Granite Chapter, No. 61, Almonte. The majority have been adding to their numbers.

ANCIENT FRONTENAC AND CATARAQUI CHAPTER, No. 1, Kingston.—This Chapter is the largest in this district, and has a membership of 87 on the roll. From reliable information I have received, meetings are held regularly, and the Chapter is in a prosperous condition.

CARLETON CHAPTER, No. 16, Ottawa.—This Chapter is the next largest in this district, and has, since my last report, moved into the new Masonic Hall on Sparks street. The Principals and officers are energetic in their work, and have held, during the past year, eight regular meetings and two emergent. The average attendance has been about seventeen. I have not been able to visit this Chapter this year, but receive notices regularly.

GRENVILLE CHAPTER, No. 22, Prescott.—This Chapter still continues to hold its own. It held ten regular and two emergent meetings last year, and exalted three companions. I am informed that the work is creditably done, and that the Chapter is in a healthy state.

PEMBROKE CHAPTER, No. 58, Pembroke.—I have been unable to get this Chapter started. On August 9th I received

a letter from the Grand Z., saying that there were eleven Master Masons ready to take the Chapter degrees, and requesting that I attend to the matter at once. I accordingly wrote to Comp. Burritt two letters, asking him to get the petitions signed, and saying that I would go to Pembroke and install their officers and get the Chapter into working order, and also requesting him to send in the returns. To these letters I have received no reply.

SUSSEX CHAPTER, No. 59, Brockville.—This Chapter has, during the past year, had some difficulty, owing to unrest in the craft lodges, which has been the cause of organizing a new Chapter. Matters have not yet been satisfactorily adjusted. The Chapter has held, during the past year, eleven regular and five emergent meetings. The average attendance is about seventeen. The present membership is 40.

GRANITE CHAPTER, No. 61, Almonte.—With regard to this Chapter, the past year has not been very prosperous, the reason being that a number of the companions have left the town, and consequently they have not held a meeting since May, 1888. They have received one application, but up to the present time the candidate has not put in an appearance. There are nine R. A. Masons in the town. They have now twenty-five members on the roll, but it is impossible to get a quorum.

MAITLAND CHAPTER, No. 68, North Augusta.—This Chapter was practically dormant while at Maitland, but since its removal, is making very good progress. The officers are energetic, and are striving hard to get up their work well. They have admitted within the past year six to membership. Their membership is now 23.

ST. LAWRENCE CHAPTER, U. D., Brockville.—On October 29th, a petition signed by fourteen R. A. Masons, was handed to me, praying that the Grand Z. in his wisdom would grant a dispensation to form a new Chapter, said Chapter to be called St. Lawrence, also asking me, as Grand Superintendent, to recommend the same. I, knowing the difficulty that has arisen in Sussex Chapter, and seeing no way out of it but to recommend the granting of said dispensation, forwarded the same to the Grand Scribe E. On November 9th, a dispensation from the Grand Z. was received to work the Chapter. Since that time there have been held nine regular and five emergent convocations, and the average attendance has been about eleven, and to date there are twenty-six on the roll, and three applica-

tions for exaltation. The Chapter meets in the new Masonic Hall, where Salem Lodge meets. I have attended most of their meetings, and the work has been done in a creditable manner. I, therefore, trust that the Grand Chapter will see fit to grant them their charter.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEO. GALE,
Grand Supt. Central District.

No. 12, MANITOBA DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Manitoba District.

PRINCE RUPERT, No. 52, Winnipeg.—This Chapter retains its position of the Banner Chapter of the district. It has conferred degrees on 31 applicants, and the quality is fully equal to the quantity. I paid an official visit in June, at which time I examined its books, and found them models of neatness and correctness. Companion Aird is certainly the most painstaking Scribe the Chapter has ever had. His work can hardly be improved. E. Comp. Leggo is indefatigable in his efforts to keep his officers up to the standard, and as a result the work now done is as nearly perfect as I ever expect to see it. The Chapter has a complete set of paraphernalia, and has \$500.00 on interest.

SHUNIAH, No. 82, Port Arthur.—It is a matter of regret with me that I have been unable to visit this Chapter, but the distance is so great, I could not spare the time to do so. I am in possession of information, however, which warrants me in saying that it is one of the most prosperous in the Grand Chapter. The Scribe E. has sent me the meeting notices regularly. It has held its convocations regularly, and I understand the officers are well up in the work.

GOLDEN CHAPTER, No. 90, Rat Portage.—Of this Chapter I am unable to report anything, owing to the failure of the Scribe E. to either send me notices or answer letters. I understand that few, if any, meetings have been held during the year. I would have visited this Chapter, but was not sure that the companions could be got together. Golden Chapter has, I think, outlived its usefulness, and unless substantial progress be

shown during the coming year, should be required to send in its warrant.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, U. D., Portage la Prairie.—In January, I received a petition from a number of companions residing in Portage la Prairie, asking for a dispensation to form a chapter. I forwarded the same to the M. Ex., the Grand Z., and in due time received his authority for same. Accompanied by E. Comp. Bruce, of Prince Rupert Chapter, I went to Portage la Prairie, and organized Keystone Chapter, U. D. In April, accompanied by R. E. Comp. Jno. Leslie, I paid an official visit, and was both delighted and astonished at the wonderful progress made. All the degrees were exemplified in a manner that would do credit to almost any Chapter. The lectures in the Royal Arch were given in a most impressive manner, and the subordinate officers did their work well. Their books and papers were promptly sent in for transmission to the Grand Scribe E. I recommend that Keystone Chapter receives its warrant.

In conclusion I thank the companions of Manitoba District for courtesies extended me. I am conscious of my shortcomings during my official year. I would have made a greater effort to visit the chapters in the east had I not thought that the interests of Royal Arch Masonry would be better served by efforts to extend it in the west. I have had a large correspondence with companions at every point where I thought a chapter could successfully be organized, and I believe, during the following year, a number of dispensations will be asked for. I assure to my successor my hearty co-operation in the work.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. G. BELL,
Grand Supt. Manitoba District.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. Jno. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present convocation of Grand Chapter.

R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Grand Scribe E., submitted his annual and cash statements of moneys received during the year, together with the books, etc.

R. E. Comp. Edward Mitchell, Grand Treasurer, submitted his annual statement of receipts and disbursements, with vouchers attached.

ANNUAL STATEMENT, 29TH JUNE, 1889.

DAVID McLELLAN, G. S. E., IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND CHAPTER.

No.	2—The Hiram.....	\$	57	20
"	3—St. John's.....		20	60
"	4—St. And'w & St. Jhn		86	30
"	5—St. George's.....		18	10
"	6—St. John's.....		69	40
"	7—Moirá.....		36	40
"	8—King Solomon's..		39	90
"	16—Carleton.....		39	20
"	18—Oxford.....		8	40
"	19—Mount Moriah...		32	80
"	20—Mount Horeb....		25	10
"	22—Grenville.....		13	60
"	23—Ezra.....		27	90
"	24—Tecumseh.....		14	20
"	27—Manitou.....		10	40
"	28—Pentalpha.....		1	00
"	29—McCallum.....		30	20
"	31—Prince Edward....		41	60
"	32—Waterloo.....		11	60
"	34—Signet.....		23	50
"	35—Keystone.....		16	30
"	36—Corinthian.....		23	50
"	37—Victoria.....		3	80
"	39—Botsford.....		43	00
"	40—Guelph.....		25	30
"	41—Harris.....		29	60
"	44—Mount Sinai.....		14	40
"	47—Wellington.....		13	90
"	48—St. John's.....		18	80
"	49—Elora.....		5	70
"	52—Prince Rupert... ..	I	19	80
"	53—Bruce.....		20	20
"	54—Palestine.....		24	60
"	55—Niagara.....		10	00
"	56—Georgian.....		25	80
"	57—King Hiram.....		9	40
"	59—Sussex.....		17	00
"	60—Doric.....		7	90

Brought forward....	\$1,036	40
No. 61—Granite.....		11 00
" 62—York.....		46 50
" 63—Havelock.....		20 20
" 64—Willson.....		23 80
" 65—St. Paul's.....		37 10
" 66—The Malloch.....		10 60
" 68—Maitland.....		18 50
" 69—Grimsby.....		14 80
" 71—Prince of Wales..		24 40
" 73—Erie.....		7 20
" 75—St. Clair.....		14 40
" 76—Mount Nebo.....		7 00
" 77—Occident.....		59 20
" 79—Orient.....		11 00
" 80—Ark.....		16 80
" 81—Aylmer.....		25 90
" 82—Shuniah.....		25 60
" 83—Ionic.....		8 00
" 84—Lebanon.....		6 40
" 85—Exeter.....		1 00
" 86—MacPherson.....		14 50
" 88—Macnabb.....		5 00
" 91—Antiquity.....		53 60
" 92—Spry.....		3 20
" 93—Metropolitan....		58 53
" 94—Midland.....		36 20
" 95—Tuscan.....		11 00
" 96—Austral's'n Kil'wn'g		31 71
U.D. St. Lawrence....		65 00
" Vancouver.....		82 40
" Keystone.....		77 90
" St. Mark's.....		65 00
Ceremonies.....		10 00
Bank Interest.....		36 80
Toronto Genl. Trust Co.		150 00
Western Canada Loan Co.		225 00
Land Sec. Co.'s Bonus. .		525 00
" " "		191 03

\$1,036	40
\$3,067	67

CASH STATEMENT.

1889.	1888.
June 29—To Receipts. . \$3,067 67	July 3—By Gr. Treas. . \$ 167 03
	" 31— " " .. 319 40
	Aug. 31— " " .. 11 20
	Sept. 29— " " .. 12 20
	Oct. 31— " " .. 14 00
	Nov. 30— " " .. 59 80
	Dec. 31— " " .. 179 40
	1889.
	Jany. 4— " " . 130 68
	" 31— " " .. 250 80
	Feb. 28— " " .. 60 00
	Mch. 1— " " .. 525 00
	" 30— " " .. 26 00
	April 30— " " .. 69 00
	May 31— " " .. 63 30
	June 1— " " . 18 62
	" 22— " " .. 370 85
	" 29— " " .. 790 39
<u>\$3,067 67</u>	<u>\$3,067 67</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Certificates.....	\$ 561 00
Dues.....	717 34
Registration Fees.....	350 00
Dispensations.....	186 00
Warrants.....	20 00
Constitutions.....	33 00
Ceremonies.....	72 50
Interest on Western Canada Loan Co.'s Debentures.....	225 00
" Toronto General Trust Co.'s Bond.....	150 00
" Land Security Co.'s Old Stock	150 00
" " " " New "	41 03
Bonus " " " Stock.....	525 00
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	36 80
	<u>\$3,067 67</u>

E. MITCHELL GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND

CHAPTER, R. A. M.

DR.

1888.					
June	30—	To	Balance as per statement at date	\$1,486	05
July	3—	"	Grand Scribe E.	167	03
"	31—	"	" " " "	319	40
Aug.	31—	"	" " " "	11	20
Sept.	29—	"	" " " "	12	20
Oct.	29—	"	" " " "	14	00
Nov.	29—	"	Interest on Bank Account	18	18
"	30—	"	Grand Scribe E.	59	80
Dec.	31—	"	" " " "	179	40
1889.					
Jan.	4—	"	" " " "	112	50
"	31—	"	" " " "	250	80
Feb.	28—	"	" " " "	60	00
Mch.	1—	"	" " " "	525	00
"	30—	"	" " " "	26	00
April	30—	"	" " " "	69	00
May	31—	"	" " " "	63	30
"	31—	"	Interest on Bank Account	18	62
June	22—	"	Grand Scribe E.	370	85
"	29—	"	" " " "	790	39
					\$4,553 72

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1888.					
July	25—	By Order	343, A. McPherson, sundry printing.	\$	21 00
"	28—	"	347, Miss Edith Shaw, engrossing address.		50 00
"	28—	"	345, Rolph, Smith & Co., certificates		80 00
"	31—	"	342, Royal Ins. Co., premium on policy ...		5 00
"	31—	"	341, John H. Pritchard, Grand Janitor		5 00
"	31—	"	346, Grand Scribe E., incidentals.		65 00
Aug.	4—	"	344, Hy. Robertson, report For correspn'dce		50 00
"	10—	"	349, Robert Hendry, grant from G. Chapt'r		25 00
"	18—	"	352, A. McPherson, sundry printing.	203	35
"	24—	"	353, Mrs. J. G. Burns, grant.	15	00
"	24—	"	356, Mrs. Bartlett, half-yearly grant.	10	00
"	27—	"	348, S. Martel Davies, grant.	30	00
"	28—	"	357, Mrs. Cheetham, half-yearly grant.	10	00
Sept.	7—	"	354, Mrs. Ramsay, " " " "	10	00
"	19—	"	355, Mrs. Fortier, " " " "	15	00
Oct.	2—	"	359, D. McLellan, G. S. E., sal'ry to 10th inst	175	00
"	3—	"	351, Mrs. McPhail, half-yearly grant.	20	00
"	8—	"	358, Mrs. T. B. Harris, quarterly grant.	50	00
"	23—	"	362, Marsden & Son, mounting maps.	15	00
"	25—	"	363, Irwin & Son, regalia case and lock.	11	50
"	29—	"	361, Grand Lodge of Canada, for 60 maps.	7	20
Nov.	9—	"	365, Archibald Couper, grant.	25	00
"	9—	"	364, Mrs. Waltho, grant.	10	00
"	20—	"	360, D. Henderson, engrossing warrants.	13	50
Dec.	19—	"	366, J. Eastwood & Co., minute book.	6	50

1889.

Jan.	2—	“	367, D. McLellan, G. S. E., sal'ry to 10th.	175 00
“	28—	“	375, Francis Bartlett, half-yearly grant....	10 00
“	30—	“	374, Chas. G. Fortier, “ “	15 00
“	31—	“	376, Mrs. Cheetham, “ “	10 00
Feb.	2—	“	368, Mrs. J. G. Burns, “ “	15 00
“	2—	“	373, Mrs. Ramsay, “ “	10 00
“	2—	“	371, Mrs. McLeod, “ “	10 00
“	2—	“	372, Mrs. McPhail, “ “	20 00
“	2—	“	370, A. Couper, “ “	25 00
“	8—	“	369, Mrs. Waltho, “ “	10 00
“	12—	“	377, Mrs T. B. Harris, quarterly “	50 00
Mch.	4—	“	378, Land Security Co., call on 240 shares.	540 00
April	1—	“	379, D. McLellan, G. S. E., salary to 10th.	175 00
“	5—	“	380, Mrs. T. B. Harris, quarterly grant...	50 00
June	13—	“	381, Rolph, Smith & Co., for certificates...	80 00
“	29—	“	382, Mrs. T. B. Harris, quarterly grant...	50 00
“	29—	“	383, D. McLellan, G. S. E., salary to 10th	
			July, 1889.....	175 00
“	29—	By Balance.....		2,205 67
				\$4,553 72

ASSETS OF GRAND CHAPTER AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1889.

60 shares Land Security Co., stock, par value....	\$ 1,500 00
240 allotted shares Land Security Co., calls and premium paid thereon.....	1,320 00
Western Canada Loan and Savings Co., 5 per cent. debentures..	4,500 00
Toronto General Trusts Co., 5 per cent. bond.....	3,000 00
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce	2,205 67
	\$12,525 67

E. MITCHELL, *Grand Treasurer.*

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.

HAMILTON, June 29th, 1889.

We hereby certify that the balance at credit of E. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, in the books of this branch at close of business on this date is two thousand, two hundred and five dollars and sixty seven cents (\$2,205.67).

WM. ROBERTS, *Manager.*
S. READ, JR. *Accountant.*

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. Jno. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the annual statements of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Executive Committee for audit and report thereon at the present convocation.

M. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of the committee, which, on motion of R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. Jno. E. Harding, was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the proceedings.

Letters were then read from M. E. Comp. Fred J. Menet, Past Grand Z., and R. E. Comp. A. N. Pettit, Grand Supt. of London District, R. E. Comp. Wm. G. Bell, Grand Supt. of Manitoba District, regretting their inability to be present at this convocation, all expressing the hope that the meeting may be one of profit and pleasure to all those privileged to be present.

There was also a letter presented from E. Comp. S. Martel Davies, protesting against the action of Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa, which Chapter, he maintained, had suspended him for non-payment of dues illegally, the letter and papers accompanying it were referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon at this convocation.

Official letters were also received from the M. Ex. Grand Chapter of the State of New York, notifying this Grand Chapter of the death of M. Ex. Comp. Darius A. Ogden, Past Grand High Priest of that jurisdiction, who died at his home, in the village of Penn Yan, on Saturday, May 4th, 1889, at the advanced age of 76 years. He served in the capacity of Grand High Priest two years. In 1866 he was Chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, and in 1872 was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, both of which positions he occupied till the day of his death with marked ability, zealous efficiency, promptness and despatch. Also the death of M. E. Comp. John Levy Lewis, for more than 40 years a member of this Grand Chapter, and for many years the eldest living Past Grand High Priest, he died at Penn Yan, June 11th, 1889, aged 76 years. M. E. Comp. Lewis was honored, respected and beloved at home and abroad. In his intercourse with all "He was generous to a

fault." "His hand was ever open as day to melting charity" in helping others he forgot himself. He was a Mason in heart not merely in name but from principle.

Also from the M. E. the Grand Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania, communicating the sad intelligence of the death of Comp. Samuel Harper, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, of their Grand Chapter, for a number of years past, which sad event occurred at Pittsburg on the 16th May, 1889. The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has lost one of its ablest members.

V. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett presented his credentials as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa, which the M. E. the Grand Z. was pleased to receive and accept, the V. E. Comp was greeted with the usual Masonic salutations, which were suitably acknowledged.

The Executive Committee beg leave to report as follows :

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

The Committee on Audit and Finance beg to report that they have examined the books of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer up to June 30th, 1889, and find them correct. The receipts and disbursements for the past year have been as been as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....	.\$1486 05
Certificates.....	561 00
Dues.....	717 34
Registration Fees.....	350 00
Dispensations.....	186 00
Warrants.....	20 00
Constitutions.....	33 00
Ceremonies.....	72 50
Interest on Western Canada Loan Co.....	225 00
" Toronto General Trust.....	150 00
" Land Security.....	150 00
Bonus, " ".....	525 00
Interest on Bank Deposit.....	36 80
	\$4553 72

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing.....	\$ 224 35	
Engrossing Address.....	50 00	
Certificates.....	160 00	
Insurance.....	5 00	
Grand Janitor.....	5 00	
Incidentals to G. S. E.....	65 00	
Foreign Correspondence.....	50 00	
Orders on Benevolence.....	295 00	
Grand Scribe E., salary.....	700 00	
Grant to Mrs. Harris.....	200 00	
Maps, &c.....	22 20	
Regalia case.....	11 50	
Books.....	6 50	
Engrossing Warrants.....	13 50	
Land Security Co., call on 240 shares.....	540 00	
Balance on hand.....	2205 67	
		\$4553 72

ASSETS.

60 shares Toronto Land Security Co. par value.....	\$1500 00 @ 258	\$3870 00
240 allotted shares Toronto Land Security Co.....	1020 00 @ 258	1530 00
Toronto Land Security Co. premium	300 00	300 00
Western Can. Loan & Security Co....	4500 00	4500 00
Toronto General Trusts Co.....	3000 00	3000 00
Cash in Bank.....		2205 67
		\$15375 67

LIABILITIES.

Royal Insurance Co.....	\$ 5 00
Foreign Correspondence.....	50 00
A. McPherson, printing.....	33 50
J. Eastwood & Co.....	2 83
Grand Scribe E., bal. incidentals, 1889.....	5 32
“ “ advance for 1889-90.....	75 00
Copp, Clark Co. Limited.....	15 00
	\$186 15

The Executive Committee recommend that an annual allowance of \$50 be made to the Grand Treasurer for expenses connected with his office.

A notification having been received from the Land Security Co. to the effect that the paid up stock of 60 shares is liable to be converted into 180 shares of new stock which would have 33⅓% paid thereon, leaving Grand Chapter with a liability of about \$8000 upon the 420 shares. Your committee recommend that prior to accepting said stock the Grand Z. appoint a committee consisting of Grand H., Chairman of Finance, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Scribe E., to thoroughly investigate the

position and do in the premises as they may deem best in the interests of this Grand Chapter, and if thought advisable by them to dispose of the stock and reinvest proceeds, with as much more as can be spared from funds on hand, in some reliable investment company.

An application was received from Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe, asking for remission of dues during the time that they were dormant, amounting to the sum of \$41.15, your committee recommend that said amount be remitted.

THOS. SARGANT,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by M. E. Comp. Thos. Sargent, and

Resolved, That the Report on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

BENEVOLENCE.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

The Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada on Benevolence, beg leave to report :

1. That of the six private Chapters, viz., 8, 16, 29, 30, 34, and 44, through whose First Principal grants of benevolence were made payable as granted in July, 1888, all these Chapters have made returns as required by the rules of Grand Chapter. The only private Chapter which has contributed and expended money for benevolent purposes during the last fiscal year, is No. 30, \$10.00.

2. That the applications presented for relief and for which grants are recommended are as follows :

No.	Name of Grantee.	Amt	Through Whom Payable.
1	Comp. John Kennedy.....	\$ 30	First Prin. St. John's No. 6.
2	Widow Jos. G. Burns	50	" " King Solomon's, No. 8.
3	" Samuel Waltho.....	20	" " McCallum, No. 29.
4	" Donald McLeod.....	20	" " Huron, No. 30.
5	" Malcolm McPhail.....	40	" " " " "
6	" Robt. Ramsay	40	" " Signet, No. 34.
7	" Chas. G. Fortier.....	30	" " " " "
8	" Francis Bartlett.....	20	" " Mount Sinai, No. 44.
9	" John Cheetham.....	20	" " " " "
10	" Andrew D. Fraser.....	20	" " " " "
11	" Jas. McVeity	20	" " Prince of Wales, No. 71.
		\$290	

OTTO KLOTZ,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Executive Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Your Committee welcomes the reports of the Grand Superintendents of the St. Clair, Wellington, Huron, Niagara, Toronto, Ontario, Prince Edward, Central, and Manitoba Districts of this Capitular jurisdiction, as records to the Grand Chapter of the progress the Royal Art has made since our last Annual Convocation. In such an extensive jurisdiction as that governed by this Grand Chapter, and in a great cause like ours, we cannot expect always to see the sunshine of success, without the few clouds that darken the outlook. Therefore, reading the reports, we feel that, while as a rule the chapters in all the leading centres have not deteriorated in the quality of the work and in numerical strength, yet, at the points where revival of strength was looked for, the prospects are cold, cheerless, and uninviting. This discourages and disheartens, and were it not that there are localities where, by the careful grafting of new energy and skill, we have received marked evidence of progress, we would feel as if our beloved labor were a book of empty resolutions, immortalized in cold type, to keep up our courage, and to let companions know that, at least with the pen, we are champions of the Royal Art. A few of our reports are written with due regard to economy of material—Masonic and otherwise, and in others such stock phrases as: "I have learned from heresay," "from information received," and "I am credibly informed," and "I have reason to believe," are not calculated to gladden the hearts or aid the work of the companions who are entrusted with the duty of review. With kindness of heart, and without desire to eclipse the truth, we are not, in the work of revision, insensible to the attention and care given by nearly all the Superintendents to the work committed to them.

The St. Clair report shows that only one official visit was paid. Last year we had an excellent report from this same officer. It is also noteworthy that, while facts supplied by

Chapters may be correct, yet, personal inquiry and visits greatly strengthens a report, even in a district where the work is progressing.

The London report is not as instructive as it might be. Two official visits were made, although there are eight Chapters in the district. Business engagements prevented the duty being performed, so that the evidence of the ear has to be taken, when that of the eye is most desirable.

The Wilson report is concise; comprehensive, and cheerful. It is excellent in form, and is carefully written. Visits have been made, and the information is ample.

The Wellington report is jest on brevity. It may have been written while the train was on a siding. It might have been written when the minute hand of the old family time-piece was struggling to annihilate three minutes of space. Last year the Superintendent was not over generous with details. This year his successor handles a couple of hundred Saxon words, and says nothing. Without straw we cannot make bricks.

The Hamilton report; while not elaborate, is satisfactory, and carefully prepared. It expresses, in readable form, the state of the Royal Art in a district that has but one mark of retrogression.

The Huron report is creditable and meritorious. It shows the condition of the Capitular work, and its perusal indicates hope.

The Niagara report is an intelligent exposition of the state of the work, an interesting and sensible epitome of value in a progressive district.

The Toronto report is one of the best built statements of the work ever received. It is a readable, pleasant, and encouraging resume. It is instructive in that it carries with it the cold facts of experience, which, lighting the pathway of the Superintendent, are the best guide marks for review.

The Ontario report is a fair one, even if limited in detail. Visits are shown, but generalities are dealt with, when specific details would be useful for review.

The Prince Edward report is not voluminous. The information given is routine, and yet, not unsatisfactory.

The Central report is made up, in part, from information

received, and, while doubtless correct, is hardly sufficient to give an intelligent record of the work of the Chapters.

The Manitoba report conveys, in readable form, a fair idea of the work in the western section of that district, without, however, excelling in detail. Possibly its status as a country of magnificent distances, affords grounds for excuse in not visiting. Travel is a great educator, not only in the ways of the world, but in the work we are all engaged in.

Our companions in Australia have not sent us a message from that far off land, although assurances are ample, from other sources, that the fields, well sown with craft grain, will soon whiten unto the harvest. .

THE WORK OF THE CHAPTERS.

The reports of the St. Clair, Wellington, Hamilton, Niagara, Toronto, Ontario, and Manitoba Districts, indicate that the exemplification of the work is satisfactory, and that, if anything, it is an advance on last year's condition. The London, Wilson, Ontario, Prince Edward, and Central reports do not present a bright outlook, although there has been progress made, and hope is expressed that the tendency is for the better.

THE ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS.

The reports show the attendance to be less than it should be in even prosperous districts. With a large membership, Chapters should have an average of, at least, thirty percent. When the meetings are pinched for even a quorum, it does not encourage the officers, who are not always to blame for this lack of interest, and it tempts your Committee not to be over charitable in references to a membership that should be faithful to those selected to fill positions.

THE WORK OF VISITING.

Your Committee is not unreasonable enough to expect that men, who, for honor only, accept position, should be subjected to even criticism in its mildest form, and yet, when we look around Grand Chapter, and see the hands that are skilled, willing, and earnest for the work, we, without reluctance, suggest that recipients of office should not seek position alone for the dignity conferred, but that the acceptance should carry with it a resolve to discharge the duties conscientiously, and inspire an honest endeavor to do what is right by the companions of this Grand Chapter. The reports based "upon information

received," or that of which Superintendents "are credibly informed," or from what they "believe," do an injustice, not only to the writers, but a grave wrong to Grand Chapter, and the rank and file of the workers, whose hearts are full of goodness and zeal, and whose welcome would be warm and generous for the visit of any companion, robed in the regalia of an organization, that has the care of the keystone, without which craft work is imperfect.

Your Committee recommends that, in the returns sent to the Grand Scribe E., a column be set apart to record the visits of the Grand Superintendents of Districts, so that the actual work of visitation may be shown by the official returns.

COURTESY TO SUPERINTENDENTS.

It should be the care of the Scribe E. of each Chapter to see that notices of all meetings are forwarded to the Grand Superintendent of the District.

DUAL OFFICES.

The duties of the S. E. and Treasurer of a Chapter can not be performed by the same individual, as reported in the case of a Chapter in Huron District.

SUGGESTIONS.

The attention of Grand Superintendents is called to the model report on page 70, of Grand Chapter Proceedings, 1887. By following this form the work of review is materially aided.

WHERE OUR CONDITION IS UNFAVORABLE.

In reviewing the condition of Chapters that are not thriving, it is pleasant to know that one or two of those, last year reported dormant, have been partially revived, and may again come to the front as leaders in the work. There are, however, a few Chapters reported on year after year by Superintendents, and recommendations made by this committee, that should be dealt with at this annual convocation. In the Toronto District, Spry Chapter, No. 92, Alliston, is dormant. Meetings have not been held, and no returns made since 1887. The warrant should be withdrawn. Seymour Chapter, no 38, Bradford, has not met for years. In London District, Beaver Chapter, No. 74, Strathroy, and Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill, are drag weights, neither useful nor ornamental. Colborne Chapter, No. 45, has not made returns since 1880, and the warrant

should be withdrawn. The warrant of St. James' Chapter, No. 46, St. Mary's, as suggested by its own officers, should also be withdrawn. Every effort has been made by both Grand Superintendents and officers to revive the work, but without even momentary success. Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Harrison, and Oxford, No. 18, Woodstock, are not in a healthy state. No meetings have been held. The attempts made to revive Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, seem ineffectual. This warrant should be withdrawn. The suggestion that the Grand Superintendent of the Hamilton District, that the warrant of Wentworth Chapter, No. 87, Dundas, should be recalled, and the Chapter amalgamated with a Hamilton Chapter, should be carried out at once. Golden Chapter, No. 90, Rat Portage, apparently, has outlived its usefulness. It has not met for a long period. If any new Chapters are to be opened in the western section of Manitoba District, it would be well to transfer this warrant to a locality that has some Masonic life.

WHERE REVIVAL HAS TAKEN PLACE.

Your committee is animated and re-inspired, as they read in the reports that York Chapter, No. 62, at Eglington, Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford, Ezra Chapter, No. 23 Simcoe, Maitland Chapter, No. 68, North Augusta, and Erie Chapter, No. 73, Ridgertown, have fallen into line, and are guarding, once more, the banner of this Grand Chapter. Your committee is delighted to mark the revival of the work in Ridgertown. For many years the zeal in this locality has flagged, and to hear of revival is grateful and cheering. In the case of Ezra Chapter, Simcoe, your committee recommend that the dues be remitted up to 1888. A similar course might be pursued in connection with all dormant Chapters, if revived by the end of 1889. May their work pass inspection, and may they never again loiter by the way.

FRATERNITY IN THE JURISDICTION.

The reports state that harmony exists in all the districts, save one. The Grand Superintendent of Central alludes to unpleasantness at Brockville, and points out that this condition of unrest has created a demand for a new Chapter. The advisability of organizing a new Chapter is dealt with by the Committee on Warrants, and yet, your Committee on the Condition of Capitular Art ventures to remind Grand Chapter that prompt, but kindly measures should be taken to induce good will in the hearts of companions who must know that obligations are

meaningless unless we bear and forbear—that Masonry means fellowship, not in word but in act, and that bitterness of feeling is foreign to the spirit of the craft.

While we rejoice in prosperity, we cannot close our summary of this year's labor without a kindly thought and word for those who were, but are not, who, a year ago, counselled with us in all the activities of craft life. As a fitting sequence to this annual review, we may well pause to recall the earnest endeavors of those who gladdened us with their greetings in days gone by, but who have hastened to the beckon of that hand we cannot see, to answer the voice we cannot hear. We raise our memorial tablets, and read the names of those whose friendship and kindness we prized in life, and still we scarce realize the grim truth that they no longer interchange a friendly word, or greet us with the welcome or well remembered voice. We sorrow as we call the roll. Even to a second call no answer is returned, and then memory turns to that day—not so long ago—when we stood on the grassy coverlet of the little country churchyard, and heard the sound of matted clay, impelled by sexton's hand, hiding forever the resting place of him who was dear to us.

Prominent among those who have been called away, we are reminded of many who are pillars of thought and earnestness. Companions who gloried in the work of the craft, and whose efforts were enthroned in a resolve to hold fast to our sacred teachings in word and act. We all miss Henry Bickford, a Right Excellent Companion, so good, genial, and true, a prince in kindness and friendship, a worthy craftsman, honored as a man, respected as a citizen, around whose grave the whole country-side circled, and of whom naught but kind words were spoken. Others too, are at their journey's end, and should be honored with our "In Memoriam" M. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonald, P.G.Z., R.E. Comp Chas. Doebler, P.G.S., Ontario District, Port Hope, Seymour Porter, P. G. S. Toronto District, Toronto ; D. Curtis, P. G. S. Wilson District, Brantford ; A.W. Francis, P. G. S. Wilson District, Woodstock.

We valued their counsels. We miss their friendly faces. Our teachings were to them but primers of what they now know, for they know all, standing as they do, before Him who holds the golden sceptre, whose judgements are final, whose decrees are merciful, and from whose court there is no appeal. Let us hallow their good deeds, and be firm in our resolve to

do right, and secure our crown. Let us do our duty by shielding their widows and helpless little ones, whom, it is our pride to think, have a claim upon us, and who, as they welcome our offering, thank the day a husband, brother, or son, knelt at an altar, and was brought from the outer darkness of the world into the inner light of the Craft.

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,
Chairman Sub-Committee.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Executive Committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Ex. Comp. Davies, vs. Carleton, No. 16.

Your Committee have carefully considered this case so far as they have been able. Nothaving any documentary evidence from Carleton Chapter, we would therefore recommend that it be sent to the Superintendent of Central District to investigate and report to the Most Ex. the Grand Z. for his decision.

Respectfully submitted.

W. G. REID,
Acting Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. Wm. G. Reid, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Executive Committee on Grievances and Appeals, be received and adopted.

WARRANTS.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Your Committee on Warrants beg leave to report that they have examined the books of St. Lawrence Chapter, Brock-

ville, also St. Mark's Chapter, Trenton, working under dispensation, would recommend that warrants be granted.

Your Committee also recommend that warrants be granted to Vancouver Chapter, Vancouver, B. C., and Keystone Chapter, Portage la Prairie, now working under dispensation.

Your Committee would further recommend that No. 26 now dormant, be granted to St. Mark's Chapter, Trenton.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

DONALD ROSS,
Chairman.

Moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, that the Report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

Moved in amendment by E. Comp. Thos. Wilkinson, seconded by E. Comp. R. T. Walkem, that St. Lawrence Chapter be continued under dispensation for another year, and that a committee be appointed by the M. E. Grand Z., to inquire in the meantime, into, and report upon the differences between the companions in Brockville to ascertain whether they cannot be amicably arranged.

On the vote being taken the amendment was adopted.

GRAND Z.'s ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

The Executive Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand Z. beg leave to report thereon as follows :

The members of the Royal Craft are to be congratulated upon the efforts put forth by our distinguished presiding officer, for the improvement of the Chapters, and the increased interest manifested in the work. It is also well that a note of warning should be sounded to delinquent Chapters. The provisions embodied in our constitution for the government of Subordinate Chapters are the result of years of wisdom and experience, and

they should be strictly complied with, if our system is to prove a success.

The interchange of Representatives with our sister Grand Chapters is intended to draw closer the fraternal ties with which we are already bound, and forms valuable medium for communication on matters of interest arising between the different Grand Bodies. Your Committee would therefore recommend that the nominations reported by the M. E. Grand Z. be confirmed by Grand Chapter.

The official visitation of the private Chapters by the grand officers, is a duty that should on no account be neglected. These visits are productive of much good, in stimulating the brethren to renewed exertions, in encouraging faithful officers and companions, and in the correction of any errors that may inadvertently have occurred. Your Committee are pleased to see that the M. E. the Grand Z. fully appreciates the importance of this duty, and they have no doubt, but, that his visits have accomplished the end sought for, in the various districts which he favored with his presence.

Your Committee would recommend to the Craft a careful perusal of the excellent sentiments and advice contained in the closing paragraphs of the address.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Chairman Sub-Committee.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by M. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Executive Committee on the address of the M. E. the Grand Z. be received and adopted.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, the Grand Scribes acting as scrutineers of the ballot.

The following named Companions were declared duly elected :

M. E. Comp.	R. B. Hungerford,	London, (re-elected)	Grand Z.
R. E.	" J. J. Mason,	Hamilton,	" " H.
R. E.	" J. E. Harding,	Stratford,	" " J.
R. E.	" David McLellan,	Hamilton,	" " S. E.
V. E.	" E. T. Malone,	Toronto, (elected)	" S. N.
E.	" J. W. Wallace,	Lindsay	" " P. S.
R. E.	" E. Mitchell,	Hamilton, (re-elected)	" Treas
V. E.	" G. G. Rowe,	Toronto, (elected)	" Reg.
	" E. H. Ball,	Kingston	" " Jan'tr

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor for the space of 15 minutes.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT :

M. E. Comp.	R. B. Hungerford,	Grand Z.
R. E.	" J. J. Mason,	" H.
R. E.	" John E. Harding,	" J.
Grand officers, members and representatives.		

The following companions were nominated by the representatives from the respective districts and approved by the M. Ex. Grand Z.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

E. Comp.	Thos. McGregor,	Windsor,	St. Clair	Dist.
E.	" A. B. Munson,	London	London	"
R. E.	" M. Walsh (re-elected)	Ingersoll,	Wilson	"
E.	" John A. Nelles,	Guelph,	Wellington	"
V. E.	" Wm. Ponton,	Milton,	Hamilton	"
R. E.	" I. Baker, (re-elected)	Stratford,	Huron	"
V. E.	" C. G. McDermott,	St. Cath'nes,	Niagara	"
E.	" John Hetherington,	Toronto,	Toronto	"
V. E.	" Robert McCaw,	Oshawa,	Ontario	"
E.	" W. P. Reynolds,	Picton,	Pr. Edward	"
E.	" David Taylor,	Ottawa,	Central	"
R. E.	" S. W. Ray,	Pt. Arthur,	Manitoba	"
R. E.	" Jos. D'Amer Drew (re'd)	Melbourne,	Australian	"

The following named Companions were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

R. E. Comp.	John Creasor,	Owen Sound,	Re-elected
"	"	J. Ross Robertson, Toronto,	"
"	"	Alex. Patterson,	"
"	"	Hugh Murray,	Hamilton,
"	"	Wm. Gibson,	Beamsville,

The following named Companions compose the Committee on Benevolence, and are members of the Executive Committee for the following terms :

M. E. Comp.	Daniel Spry,	Barrie, retires in	- 1890
R. E.	" Otto Klotz,	Preston, " "	- 1891
"	" John S. Dewar,	London, " "	- 1892

M. E. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, Grand Z. was then pleased to appoint the following Companions as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz :

R. E. Comp.	A. G. Smyth,	London,	re-appointed.
"	" Wm. Forbes,	Grimsby,	"
"	" Wm. G. Reid,	Hamilton,	"
"	" J. McL. Stevenson,	Barrie,	"
"	" John W. Coy,	St. Catharines,	

M. E. Comp. Thos. Sargent, P. G. Z. then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers who were proclaimed with the usual Masonic Ceremony.

At a subsequent date the M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to notify the Grand Scribe E. of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz :

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Ex. Comp.	Chas. F. Mansell,	Toronto,	Grand 1st Ass't Soj
"	" Fred. F. Manley,	"	" 2nd " "
"	" W. G. S. Reynolds,	Ottawa,	" Sword Bearer
"	" John Hewton,	Kingston,	" M. of Veils
"	" Robt. Best,	Niagara,	" Stan'd Bearer

"	"	R. A. Morrow,	Peterboro,	"	Dir. of Cer.
"	"	John Lyon,	Milton,	"	Organist
"	"	Geo. F. Counter,	Simcoe,	"	Pursuivant
"	"	Jos. W. Hickson,	Toronto,	"	Steward
"	"	S. Dubber,	St. Thomas	"	"
"	"	Thos. Main,	Melbourne,	"	"
"	"	Jas. F. Ferguson,	Napanee,	"	"

The M. E. Grand Z. directed that each companion elected or appointed to office not having presented himself for installation or investiture is to be installed or invested in the Chapter of which he is a member.

MOTIONS.

Moved by M. E. Comp. Thos. Sargant, seconded by R.E. Comp. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the following procedure be adopted for the healing of persons who through want of knowledge or the misrepresentations of others have been led to connect themselves with irregular and clandestine Chapters.

1. The presentation of a petition, signed by the candidate setting forth the facts.

2. The recommendation of this petition by not less than three regular Royal Arch Masons in good standing.

3. The enquiries as above set forth.

4. The issue of the dispensation to the Grand District Superintendent.

5. Instructions for healing and requiring all the obligations to be administered in full.

6. The issue of a certificate of healing by the Grand District Superintendent.

7. The presentation of this certificate to the Chapter to which the candidate applies for affiliation, and

8. The issue of a Grand Chapter certificate after the companion has become affiliated.

9. The healing fee was fixed at \$20, subject to be reduced in special cases to \$10.

Moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. John E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter are with pleasure tendered to the companions of Georgian Chapter, No. 56, for the very fraternal and hospitable reception and kind attention shown to the officers and representatives of Grand Chapter during their stay in the town of Owen Sound, as also for the complete arrangements made for the thirty-second annual convocation of this Grand Body.

Moved by M. E. Comp. Thos. Sargant, P.G.Z., seconded by M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, P.G.Z., and

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand Z., R. B. Hungerford, draft and forward to M. E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, P.G.Z., a letter of sympathy expressing our regrets as a Grand Chapter that owing to his severe illness he is unable to be present at this annual convocation, and hoping that by the aid of the Great Jehovah he may soon be restored to his usual health and vigor, and we may be privileged to meet again in our annual convocations.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

The following notice of motion for next annual convocation was given, viz :

By M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, P. G. Z. :

I give notice that at the next annual convocation I will move that Article 42 of the Constitution be amended by adding the following words to said article, viz : "and recommended by the nearest Chapter."

The M. E. the Grand Z. was pleased to appoint the following committee re the Brockville Chapters : R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, Grand H., R. E. Comp John E. Harding, Grand J., R. E. Comp. E. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer, M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, Past Grand Z., R. E. Comp. David Taylor, Grand Superintendent, and E. Comp. R. T. Walkem.

The labors of the Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed
in **Ample Form** at 1 p. m.



David M Lellan.

GRAND SCRIBE E.

OWEN SOUND, 20th July, A.I. 2419, A.D. 1889..

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS ACCORDING TO LAST RETURNS.

ON	NAME.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	FIRST PRINCIPAL Z.	SCRIBE E.
1	An. Fron. & Catarauqui	Kingston.....C	Third Wednesday of every month.	R. T. Walkem.....	J. Bruce Reid.....
2	The Hiram.....	Hamilton. ..H	1st Monday every m th exc't July & Aug.	Thos Irwin.....	Geo. E. Mason.....
3	St. John's.....	London.....L	Fourth Wednesday of every month	A. E. Cooper.....	John Siddons.....
4	St. And'w & St. John	Toronto.....T	Third Friday of every month	Thos. Hills.....	Chas. A. Matthews.
5	St. George's.....	London.....L	Third Tuesday of every month.....	A. B. Munson.....	Chas. C. Reed.....
6	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....H	2nd Thursday every m th exc't July & Aug	E. Mitchell.....	W. J. McAllister...
7	Moir.....	Belleville P.E	First Tuesday of every month.....	A. McGinnis.....	Alfred Gillen.....
8	King Solomon's....	Toronto.....T	First Wednesday of every month.....	John Akers.....	J. A. McMurtry....
15	Wawanosh.....	Sarnia.....L	Second Friday of every month.....	C. Mole.....	Edwin Marshall....
16	Carleton.....	Ottawa.....C	Third Friday of every month.....	C. R. Church.....	W. G. S. Reynolds..
18	Oxford.....	Woodstock...W	Third Friday of every month.....	Jas. Sutherland....	Chas. L. Beard(act'g)
19	Mount Moira.....	St. CatharinesN	Friday on or before f. moon of every m th	W. A. Mittleberger.	Fred. A. Southcott..
20	Mount Horeb.....	Brantford....W	First Wednesday of every month.....	R. Ashton.....	C. V. Howell (act'g).
22	Grenville.....	Prescott.....C	Second Tuesday of every month.....	E. C. Feilde.....	M. Dowsley.....
23	Ezra.....	Simcoe.....W	Second Wednesday of every month.....	G. F. Counter.....	W. P. Kelley.....
24	Tecumseh.....	Straford....HN	First Tuesday of every month.....	F. W. Gearing.....	I. Baker.....
26	St. Mark's.....	Trenton.....P.E	First Wednesday of every month.....	Wm. T. Wilkins....	James H. Peck.....
27	Manitou.....	Collingwood..T	First Friday of every month.....	W. T. Toner.....	James Lindsay.....
28	Pentalpha.....	Bowmanville.O	Second Friday of every month.....	W. R. Piggott.....	J. Roenigk.....
29	McCallum.....	Dunnville...N	Friday on after full moon.....	Robt. Hall.....	Geo S. Middaugh...
30	Huron.....	Goderich...HN	Third Tuesday of every month.....	Jas. W. Green.....	H. W. Ball.....
31	Prince Edward....	Pictou.....P.E	Monday on or after full moon.....	W. P. Reynolds....	Donald Ross.....
32	Waterloo.....	Galt.....WN	Second Monday of every month.....	Thos. McGiverin...	John Shupe.....
34	Signet.....	Barrie.....T	Second Tuesday of every month.....	D. F. Macwatt.....	Robt. J. Fraser.....
35	Keystone.....	Whitby.....O	Third Friday of every month.....	Chas. King.....	A. G. Henderson...
36	Corinthian.....	Peterboro'...O	3rd Tuesday every m th exc't July & Aug.	R. A. Morrow.....	David Spence.....
37	Victoria.....	Port Hope...O	Second Thursday of every month.....	G. B. Salter.....	W. B. Wallace.....

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS—Continued.

NAME.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	FIRST PRINCIPAL Z.	SCRIBE E.
38 Seymour	Bradford.....T	Friday on or before f moon of every m'th		
40 Guelph.	Guelph.....WN	Second Friday of every month.	Jas. Parker	Wm. Gibson.....
41 Harris	Ingersoll.....W	Second Friday of every month	M. Walsh.....	W. A. Woolson....
44 Mount Sinai.	Napanee.....P.E	Wednesday after full moon.	Jas. Walters..	E. S. Lapum.....
45 Excelsior	Colborne.....O	First Thursday of every month.		
46 St. James	St. Mary's. HN	Second Wednesday of every month.		
47 Wellington	Chatham .St C	Second Thursday of every month.	Samuel Trotter.	James Birch.....
48 St. John's.	Cobourg.....O	Friday on or before f. moon of every m'th	E. H. Fogarty.	A. R. Hargraft....
49 Elora	Elora.....WN	Wed on or after f. moon of every month	Wm. Elliot.	W. Gay.....
52 Prince Rupert	Winnipeg....M	First Thursday of every month.	Thos. W. Leggo.	A. A. Aird.....
53 Bruce	Petrolia.....L	First Thursday of every month.	John Fraser.	Robt. Scott.....
54 Palestine	St. Thomas..L	Second Thursday of every month	W. B. Doherty.	W. E. Idsardi....
55 Niagara	Niagara.....N	Thursday after full moon	Daniel Servos.	J. P. Clement.....
56 Georgian	Owen Sound..T	Third Tuesday of every month.	Allan Cameron.	Frank B. Fenwick..
57 King Hiram	Pt. Colborne.N	First Thursday of every month.	J. B. Neff.....	E. B. McRae.....
58 Pembroke.	Pembroke....C	First Monday of every month		
59 Sussex	Brockville....C	Friday on or before f. moon of every m'th	Wm. King.....	Jas. A. Poulton....
60 Doric	Newmarket...T	First Wednesday of every month	Jas. W. Allan.	Thos. Radcliffe....
61 Granite.	Almonte.....C	Second Monday of every month.	J. H. Thrall.	Ralph Hill.....
62 York.	Eglington....T	Thursday on or after full moon.	Rich. W. Hull.	Robt. F. Williams..
63 Havelock.	Kincardine HN	Third Thursday of every month.	R. D. Hall	J. C. Cooke.....
64 Willson.	Welland.....N	Last Wednesday of every month	I. P. Willson.	Marcus W. Bridgem'n
65 St. Paul's.	Toronto.....T	Second Wednesday of every month.	A. D. Ponton	Angus Morrison....
66 The Malloch.	Clinton....HN	Friday before full moon of every month	Jas. Young	D. McG. Malloch..
67 Enterprise.	Harriston .WN	First Tuesday of every month		
68 Maitland.	North AugustaC	Third Thurs. in Mar., June, Sep. & Dec.	A. T. Dunn.	J. Chapman.....
69 Grimsby.	Grimsby.....N	1st Wed. in July, Sep. Nov. Jan. Mar. & May	Wm. Gibson	Robt. Thompson....

71 Prince of Wales....	Amberst'g StC	First Monday on or after full moon.....	Geo. Gott.....	Richard Elliott.....
73 Erie.....	Ridgetown. StC	Wednesday on or before full moon.....	D. Cochran.....	B. T. Sutherland.....
74 Beaver.....	Strathroy.... L	Second Tuesday of every month.....	Jas. A. Frazer.....	E. Dixon.....
75 St. Clair.....	Milton..... H	Second Wed. of every alternate month.....	Jas. McGarry.....	George Hyatt.....
76 Mount Nebo.....	Niagara Falls. N	Friday on or before f. moon of every m'th.....	Wm. Riddle.....	George Addy.....
77 Occident.....	Toronto..... T	Second Monday of every month.....	Ira Bates.....	Frank H. Anderson.....
78 Minnewawa.....	Port Hill.... L	Third Monday of every month.....	John H. Hanna.....	Donald Grant.....
79 Orient.....	Toronto..... T	Fourth Thursday of every month.....	Sam. S. Clutton.....	W. W. Rutherford.....
80 Ark.....	Windsor.... StC	Second Monday of every month.....	Jas. A. Fraser.....	W. J. Clarke.....
81 Aylmer.....	Aylmer.... L	Friday on or after f. moon of every month.....	John C. Fox.....	John McLaren.....
82 Shuniah.....	Port Arthur.. M	Friday on or before full moon.....	J. A. Morton.....	W. E. Groves.....
83 Ionic.....	Orangeville. WN	Friday on or after f. moon of every m'th.....	H. Spackman.....	G. A. K. McLeod.....
84 Lebanon.....	Wingham.... HN	First Wednesday of every month.....	J. F. Mathews.....	H. H. Burgess.....
85 Exeter.....	Exeter..... HN	First Tuesday of every month.....	J. W. Sharpe.....	F. A. Latshaw.....
86 Macpherson.....	Meaford..... T	Second Thursday of every month.....	D. T. Ferguson.....	G. A. Kobold.....
87 Wentworth.....	Dundas..... H	Tuesday on or before full moon.....	Geo. J. Bennett.....	Wm. L. Weatherly.....
88 Macnabb.....	Dresden.... StC	First Thursday of every month.....	David Meadowcroft.....	F. Meadowcroft.....
90 Golden.....	Rat Portage.. M	Third Tuesday of every month.....	B. Dingle.....	R. G. Corneil.....
91 Antiquity.....	Toronto..... T	Second Tuesday of every month.....	Jas. A. Sharp.....	Wm. W. Woods.....
92 Spy.....	Alliston.... T	Friday on or before f. moon of every m'th.....	Louis S. Dumont.....	H. Kelson.....
93 Metropolitan.....	Melbourne Aus	Second Monday of every month.....	Percy Oakden.....	Robt. C. Ferguson.....
94 Midland.....	Lindsay..... O	Third Thursday of every month.....	Isaac Oppenheimer.....	H. A. Ritchie.....
95 Tuscan.....	Brampton.... T	Third Tuesday of every month.....	A. E. J. Darrant.....	Peter Perry.....
96 Australasian Kilwin'g	Melbourne. Aus	3rd Mon. in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep & Nov.....	P. W. D. Broderick.....	
97 City of Melbourne.....	Melbourne. Aus	4th Mon. in Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct & Dec.....		
98 Vancouver.....	Vancouver... M	Second Wednesday in every month.....		
99 Keystone.....	Po'gla Prairie M	First Tuesday in every month.....		
100 St. Lawrence.....	Brockville.... C	First Wednesday in every month.....		

NOTE.—The capital letters on right of "where held" column indicate the several Districts, viz. :—St. C., St. Clair; L., London; W., Wilson; WN., Wellington; H., Hamilton; HN., Huron; N., Niagara; T., Toronto; O., Ontario; P. E., Prince Edward; C., Central; M., Manitoba; AUS., Australian.

BALANCES IN LEDGER, JUNE 30, 1889.

ON	NAME OF CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	WARRANT GRANTED.	NO RETURNS.	LAST RETURNS.	AM'T THEN DUE.	CR'DIT
1	Ancient Frontenac & Catarqui	Kingston	A. D. 1795	 1889	May 31, 1888	.....	.....
2	The Hiram	Hamilton	" 1820	.....	" 1889	.....	.....
3	St. John's	London	" 1844	.....	"	.....	.....
4	St. Andrew and St. John's	Toronto	" 1847	.....	"	.....	.....
5	St. George's	London	" 1854	.....	"	.....	.....
6	St. John's	Hamilton	" 1855	.....	"	.....	.....
7	Moir.	Belleville	" 1856	.....	"	.....	.....
8	King Solomon's	Toronto	" 1857	.....	"	.....	.....
15	Wawanosh.	Sarnia	Feb. 8, 1860	 1889	" 1888	.....	.....
16	Carleton	Ottawa	"	.....	" 1889	0 10	.....
18	Oxford	Woodstock	"	.....	"	.....	.....
19	Mount Moirah.	St. Catharines	Feb. 21, 1861	.....	"	.....	.....
20	Mount Horeb	Brantford	"	.....	"	.....	.....
22	Grenville	Prescott	Feb. 20, 1862	.....	"	.....	.....
23	Ezra	Simcoe	"	.....	"	.....	.....
24	Tecumseh	Stratford	Aug. 11, 1863	.....	"	41 15	4 00
26	St. Mark's	Trenton	July 19, 1889	.....	"	.....	3 00
27	Manitou	Collingwood	Aug. 14, 1866	.....	"	.....	.....
28	Pentalpha	Bowmanville	Aug. 13, 1867	.....	"	.....	.....
29	McCallum	Dunnville	"	.....	"	4 80	.....
30	Huron	Goderich	"	 1889	" 1888	.....	.....
31	Prince Edward	Pictou	Aug. 11, 1868	.....	" 1889	.....	.....
32	Waterloo	Galt	"	 1889	" 1888	.....	.....
34	Signet	Barrie	Aug. 10, 1869	.....	" 1889	.....	.....
35	Keystone	Whitby	"	.....	"	.....	.....

BALANCES IN LEDGER, JUNE 30TH, 1889—Continued.

NAME OF CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	WARRANT GRANTED.	NO RETURNS.	LAST RETURNS.	AM'T. THEN DUE.	CR'DT.
75 St. Clair	Milton	"	..	May 31, 1889	..	..
76 Mount Nebo	Niagara Falls South..	"	..	"	..	1 00
77 Occident	Toronto	"	..	"	..	..
78 Minnewawa	Park Hill	Aug. 8, 1877	1886-7-8-9.	" 1885	..	..
79 Orient	Toronto	Aug. "	..	" 1889	13 90	..
80 Ark	Windsor	"	..	"	..	..
81 Aylmer	Aylmer	Aug. 14, 1878	..	" 1888	..	4 00
82 Shuniah	Port Arthur	"	1889	" 1889	..	..
83 Ionic	Orangeville	"	..	"	..	..
84 Lebanon	Wingham	"	..	"	..	..
85 Exeter	Exeter	Aug. 12, 1879	..	" 1888	..	6 00
86 Macpherson	Meaford	July 16, 1886	1889	" 1889	..	..
87 Wentworth	Dundas	July "	..	"	17 80	..
88 Macnabb	Dresden	July 14, 1882	..	" 1888	..	..
90 Golden	Rat Portage	July 13, 1883	1889	" 1889	..	..
91 Antiquity	Toronto	July 11, 1884	..	" 1888	..	..
92 Spry	Alliston	July 10, 1885	1889	" 1889	..	0 76
93 Metropolitan	Melbourne	July 16, 1886	..	"	8 50	..
94 Midland	Lindsay	July 15, 1887	..	"	24 20	..
95 Tuscan	Brampton	July 20, 1888	..	"	..	1 01
96 Australasian Kilwinning	Melbourne	"	no returns since organization	"	..	..
97 City of Melbourne	Melbourne	"	..	May 31, 1889	..	22 00
98 Vancouver	Vancouver	July 19, 1889	..	"	..	11 40
99 Keystone	Portage la Prairie	"	..	"	..	7 00
100 St. Lawrence	Brockville	"	..	"	..	..

TABULAR STATEMENT EXTRACTED FROM THE RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MAY, 1889.

CON	NAME OF CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING	No. of		Rest'd	With- draw's	Susten- sions.	Expeld	Deaths	No. of Mem's
			Admis- sions.	No. of Join- ings.						
1	Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui.	Kingston	6	2						92
2	The Hiram	Hamilton				9			1	175
3	St. John's	London	4			2			2	67
4	St. Andrew's and St. John's	Toronto	15	1		4	11		8	97
5	St. George's	London	2	1					2	73
6	St. John's	Hamilton	11	2		1	8		3	157
7	Moirs	Belleville	6						2	93
8	King Solomon's.	Toronto	5	3		4			3	147
15	Wawanosh	Sarnia								45
16	Carleton	Ottawa	7	2		7	3			77
18	Oxford	Woodstock				1	2			20
19	Mount Moriah	St. Catharines	2			1				74
20	Mount Horeb	Brantford	6	1		2			2	31
22	Grenville	Prescott	2		1	1			2	38
23	Ezra	Simcoe	4	6					2	27
24	Tecumseh	Stratford	2			1	3			36
26	St. Mark's	Trenton	6	13						19
27	Manitou	Collingwood				1				27
28	Pentalpha	Bowmanville							1	24
29	McCallum	Dunnville				1				47
30	Huron	Goderich								45
31	Prince Edward	Pictou	2						1	57
32	Waterloo	Galt	1				1		1	33
34	Signet	Barrie	4	1						45
35	Keystone	Whitby	3	1	1					28
36	Corinthian	Peterboro	3	1		6	6		2	49

68	Maitland.....	North Augusta.....	10	.....	1	8	.....	1	23
69	Grimsby.....	Grimsby.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	29
70	Prince of Wales.....	Amherstburg.....	9	.....	2	1	.....	.....	27
71	Erie.....	Ridgetown.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	12
72	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36
73	St. Clair.....	Milton.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	32
74	Mount Nebo.....	Niagara Falls South.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
75	Occident.....	Toronto.....	9	2	5	8	.....	1	73
76	Minnewawa.....	Park Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
77	Orient.....	Toronto.....	3	3	9	.....	.....	.....	52
78	Ark.....	Windsor.....	2	.....	4	5	.....	1	56
79	Aylmer.....	Aylmer.....	6	1	1	.....	.....	.....	37
80	Shuniah.....	Port Arthur.....	5	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	33
81	Ionic.....	Orangeville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30
82	Lebanon.....	Wingham.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32
83	Exeter.....	Exeter.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
84	Macpherson.....	Meaford.....	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	25
85	Wentworth.....	Dundas.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	43
86	Macnabb.....	Dresden.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
87	Golden.....	Rat Portage.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37
88	Antiquity.....	Toronto.....	14	2	11	2	.....	.....	48
89	Spry.....	Alliston.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	16
90	Metropolitan.....	Melbourne.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	58
91	Midland.....	Lindsay.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
92	Tuscan.....	Brampton.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	36
93	Australasian Kilwinning.....	Melbourne.....	6	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	21
94	City of Melbourne.....	Melbourne.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
95	Vancouver.....	Vancouver.....	9	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	23
96	Keystone.....	Portage la Prairie.....	9	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
97	St. Lawrence.....	Brockville.....	4	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
			294	108	6	106	80	53	366

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters on the Roll.....	82
“ “ Represented in Grand Chapter.....	59
“ Registrations reported	294
“ Joinings “	108
“ Restorations “	6
“ Withdrawals “	106
“ Suspensions “	80
“ Deaths “	53
“ Expulsions “	—
Total Number of Members on Roll of Grand Chapter.....	3636
Total Amount of Receipts, 1888-9.....	\$3067.67

SUSPENSIONS.

Name.	Name and No. of Chapter.	Date.
Mearns, R. No 4	St Andrew's & St. John's, Toronto.	May 30, '88
Miller, M.H.	“ “ “	“ “
McMaster, W. F.	“ “ “	“ “
Nicholls, Fred.	“ “ “	“ “
Phillips, Richard	“ “ “	“ “
Venables, J. A.	“ “ “	“ “
Boddy, Ulysses	“ “ “	“ “
Dixon, William	“ “ “	“ “
Darby, George	“ “ “	“ “
Cochrane, R.	“ “ “	“ “
Ritchie, John Jr.	“ “ “	“ “
Belling, J.	No. 6, St. John's, Hamilton,	Sept. 13, 1888
Brend, H. J.	“ “ “	“ “
Dillabaugh, E. H.	“ “ “	“ “
Forest, C. F.	“ “ “	“ “
Miller, F.	“ “ “	“ “
McNichol, D.	“ “ “	“ “
Torrance. Wm.	“ “ “	“ “
Wilkinson, W. T.	“ “ “	“ “
Gemmell, J. J.	No. 16, Carleton, Ottawa.	March 15 1889
Leggatt, F. H. W.	“ “ “	“ “
Davies, S. Martel.	“ “ “	May 17, 1889
Kastner, Jno. W.	No. 24. Tecumseh, Stratford.	June 5 1888
Pressprich, Otto	“ “ “	“ “
Seyler, Jacob	“ “ “	“ “
Watts Thos. K.	No. 32, Waterloo, Galt,	Nov. 14, 1887

Fraser, Duncan	No. 36, Corinthian, Peterboro'	March 19, '89		
Reynolds, Wm.	"	"	"	"
Sproule, Geo. B.	"	"	"	"
Edmonson, Geo.	"	"	"	"
Huffman, Allan F.	"	"	"	"
Pigeon, Henry	"	"	"	"
Hudspeth, Adam	"	"	April 16, 1889	
Aldridge, John	"	"	"	"
Gamsby, A. I.	No. 37, Victoria, Port Hope,	Dec. 13, 1888		
Hadcock, Morgan	No. 41, Harris, Ingersoll,	Feby. 8, 1889		
Losee, H. S.	"	"	"	"
Wells, Thos.	"	"	"	"
Dalbear, R.	"	"	March 8, 1889	
Lamont, Hector,	No. 47, Wellington, Chatham.	April 11, 1889		
Fellows, W. R.	"	"	"	"
Jackson, T. W.	"	"	"	"
Dunlop, Chas.	"	"	"	"
Urquhart, John	No. 48, St. John's, Cobourg.	Nov. 16, 1888		
Turner, W. C.	"	"	"	"
Clarke, Jas.	"	"	"	"
Collins, W. G.	"	"	"	"
Huston, W. J.	No. 52, Prince Rupert, Winnipeg,	Mar. 7, 1889		
McPhee, Angus	"	"	"	"
Bullock, Wm.	"	"	"	"
Palcher, Frank	"	"	"	"
Adams, J. H.	"	"	"	"
McKeand, M.	"	"	"	"
McDonald, A.	No. 53, Bruce, Petrolia.	Dec. 7, 1882		
Wood, John L.	No. 68, Maitland, N. Augusta.	Feb. 9, 1888		
Fleming, Thos.	"	"	"	"
Stewart, Jos.	"	"	"	"
Smith, S. W.	"	"	"	"
Lynch David	"	"	"	"
Stratton, F. C.	"	"	"	"
Moore, John	"	"	"	"
Anderson, John	"	"	"	"
Haynes, E. H.	No. 71, Pr. of Wales, Amherstburg.	June 1, 1888		
Ellison, L. H.	No. 73, Erie, Ridgetown.			
Linton, John	No. 77, Occident, Toronto.	Dec. 12, 1887		
McCammus, John	"	"	"	"
Thompson, W. K.	"	"	"	"
Rankin, Wm.	"	"	"	"
Weller, A.	"	"	"	"
Flood, Jos.	"	"	"	"

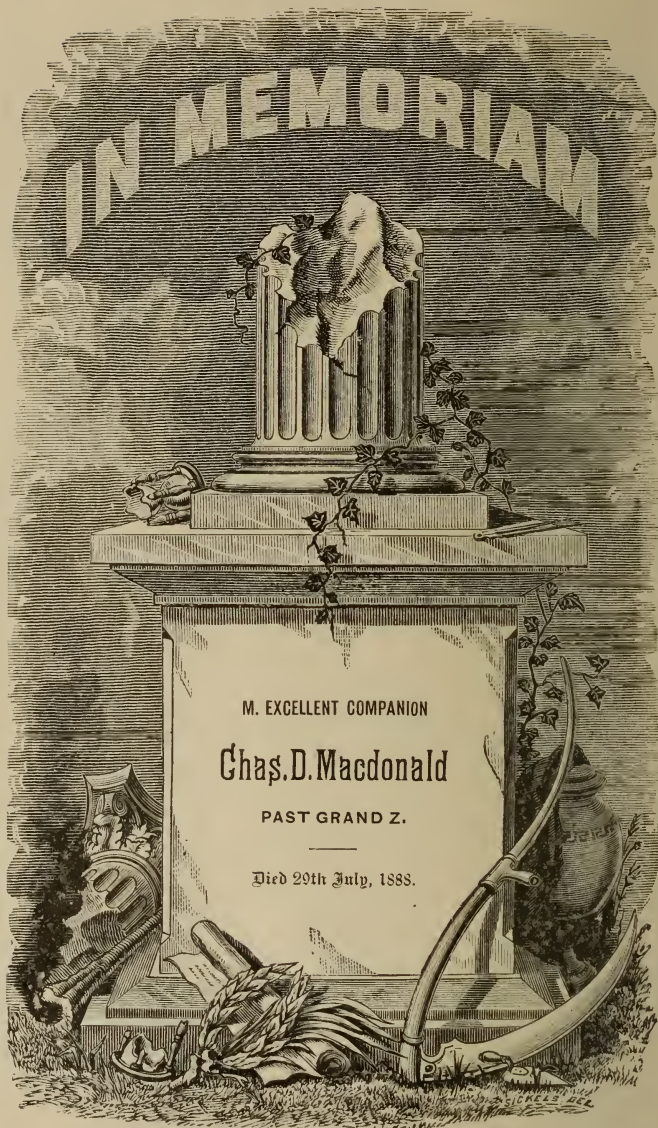
Turner, W. J.	"	"	"	Jan. 9, 1888
Dennis, Richard	"	"	"	Feb. 11, 1889
Bean, Geo.	No. 80,	Ark,	Windsor	June 9, 1884
Haller, S. V.	"	"	"	April 10, 1886
Renchard, J. V.	"	"	"	April 8, 1889
Bell, J. F.	"	"	"	March 11, 1889
Shaw, Fletcher	"	"	"	" "
McCann, D.	No. 86,	Macpherson,	Meaford,	May 17, 1889
Rankin, Wm.	No. 91,	Antiquity,	Toronto,	April 9, 1889
Lindsay, F. M.	"	"	"	" "

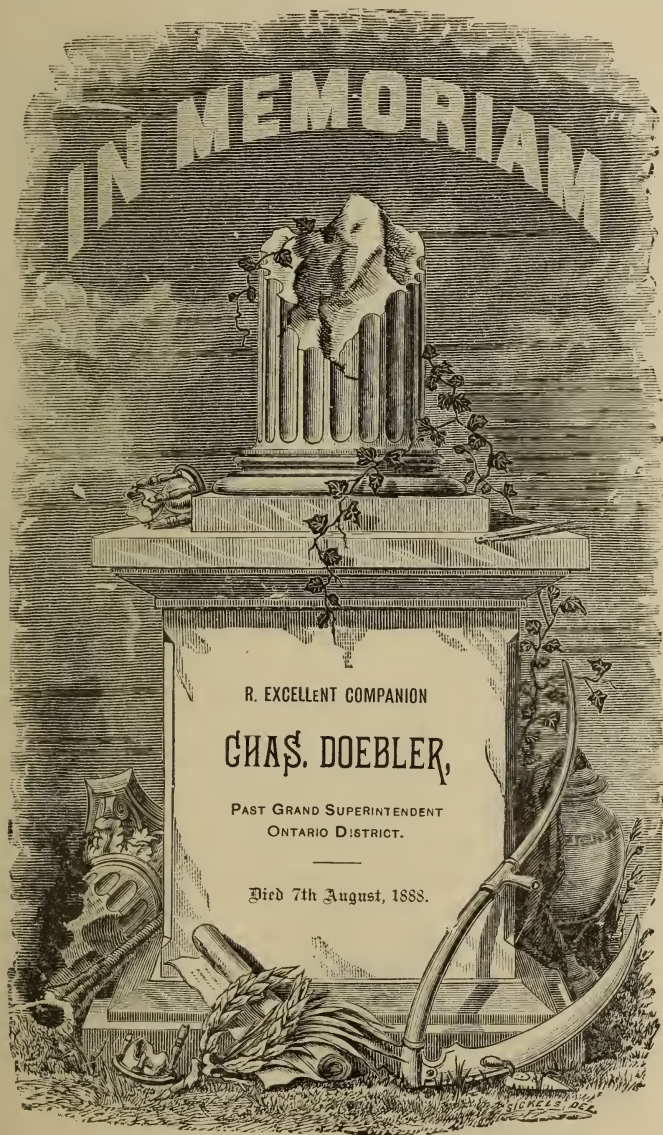
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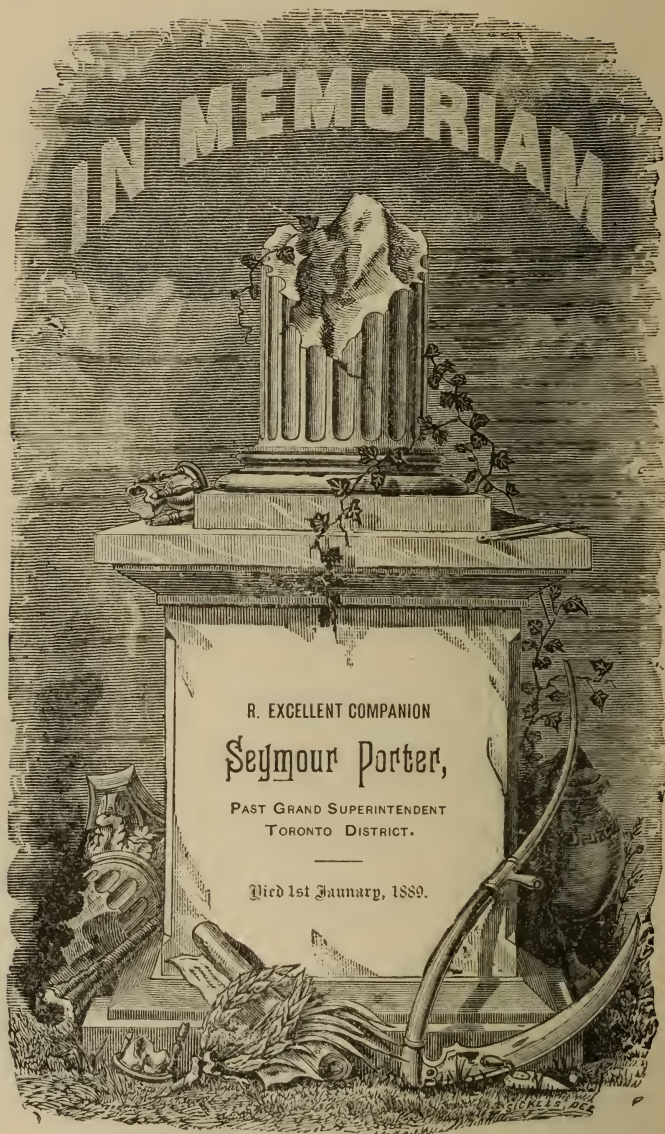
Name.	Chapter and Location.			Date.
Champion, C.	No. 20,	Mt. Horeb,	Brantford,	May 1, 1889
Horne, Jas. W.	No. 35,	Keystone,	Whitby,	Dec. 21, 1888
Vetter, J. J.	No. 53,	Bruce,	Petrolia,	Feb. 2, 1888
Glanville, J.	No. 79,	Orient,	Toronto,	Nov. 22, 1888
Fleming, J.	"	"	"	Feb. 28, 1889
Thompson, T.	No. 81,	Aylmer,	Aylmer,	June 29, 1888

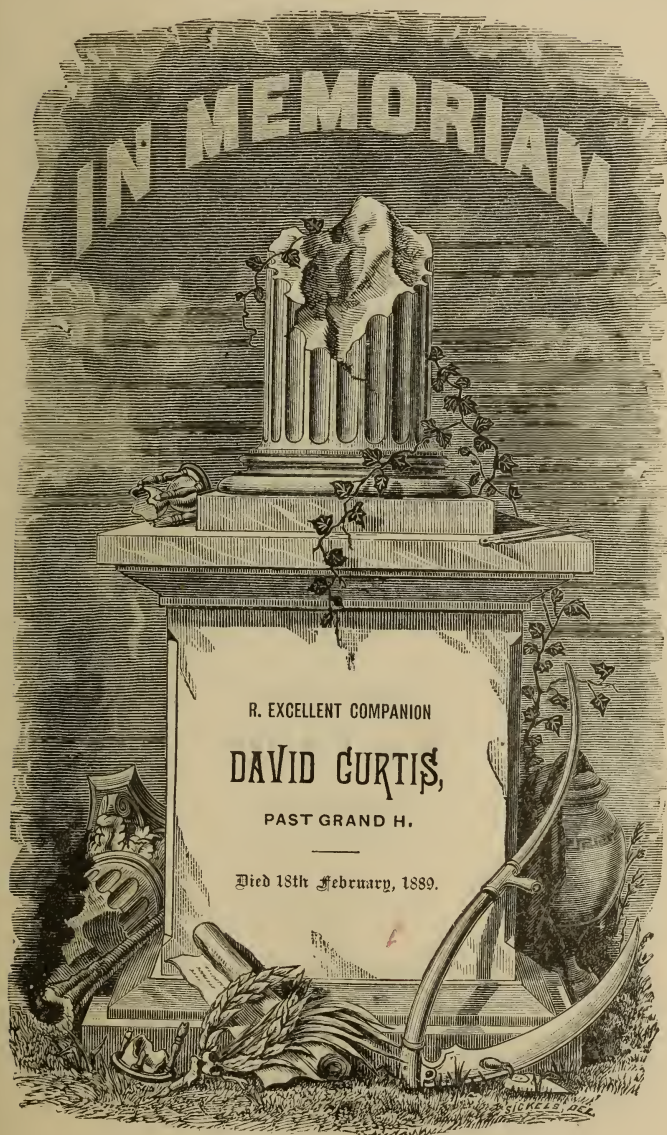
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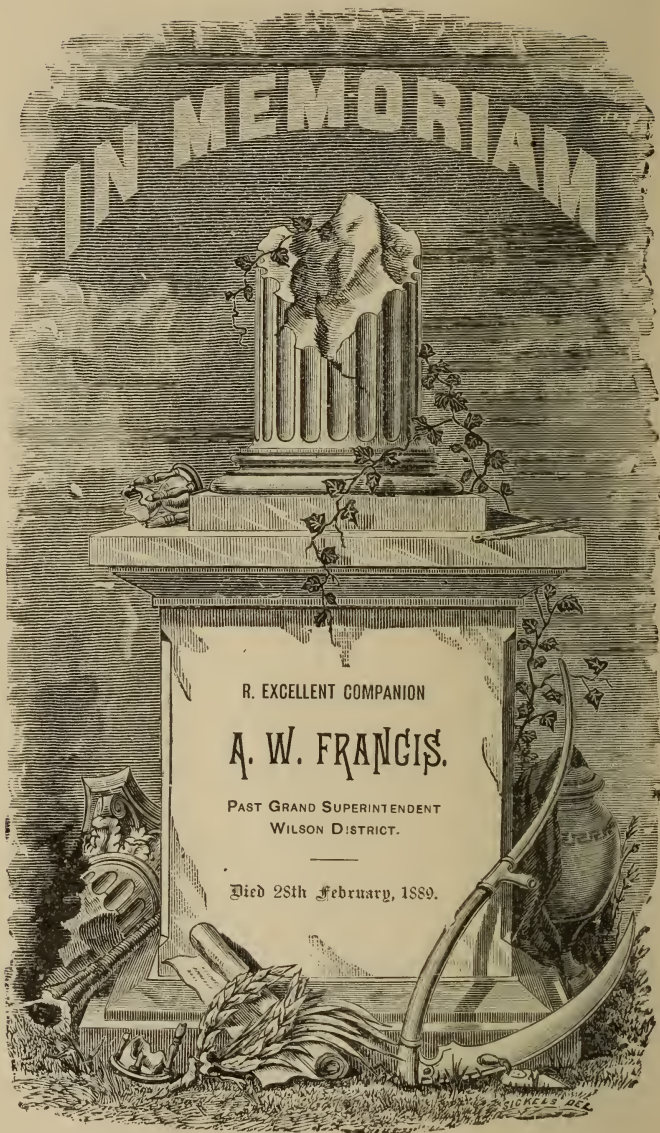
NAME.	NAME AND NUMBER OF CHAPTER.	DATE.
Foster, C. H.	2, The Hiram.....	Oct. 10, 1888.
Gooding, Harry.....	3, St. John's.....	Dec. 12, 1888.
Crawford, Wm.....	" ".....	June 14, 1888.
Young, James.....	4, St. An. & St. John	Nov. 15, 1887.
Elliott, M. M.	" ".....	Aug. 12, 1887.
Barber, Wm.....	" ".....	Aug. 24, 1887.
Graham, Geo.....	" ".....	Jan. 12, 1888.
Harrison, Glover....	" ".....	March 12, 1888.
Hay, Wm.....	" ".....	May 30, 1888.
Gowland, Geo.....	" ".....	Feb. 21, 1889.
Porter, Seymour....	" ".....	Jan. 1, 1889.
Baxter, H. A.	5, St. George.....	June 17, 1888.
Porteous, David....	" ".....	Jan. 30, 1889.
Holden, James B....	6, St. John's.....	Dec. 19, 1888.
Milne, Wm.....	" ".....	March 28, 1889.
Bennett, F.....	" ".....	Jan. 7, 1889.
Lockerty, Thos....	7, Moira.....	May 7, 1889.
McCullough, Samuel	" ".....	Aug. 20, 1888.
McCormick, Thos...	8, King Solomon's..	
Turner, Wm.....	" ".....	
Shields, G. W.....	" ".....	
Francis, Arthur W.	18, Oxford.....	Feb. 28, 1889.
Wilson, James.....	" ".....	April 13, 1889.
Davis, Humphrey...	20, Mount Horeb...	Nov. 26, 1888.
Curtis, David.....	" ".....	Feb. 18, 1889.
Macdonald, A. G....	22, Grenville.....	Jan. 27, 1889.
Mowatt, Wm.....	" ".....	Feb. 9, 1889.
Wells, Lyman.....	23, Ezra.....	Nov. 26, 1884.
Killmaster, John G..	" ".....	July, 1884.
Deans, Wm.....	28, Pentalpha.....	April 21, 1889.
Corkindale, A. I....	31, Prince Edward..	Nov. 16, 1888.
Godfrey, George....	32, Waterloo.....	Dec. 14, 1887.
Doebler, Chas....	37, Victoria.....	Aug. 7, 1888.
Spooner, W. A.	" ".....	Feb. 10, 1889.
Long, Wm. Henry.	52, Prince Rupert...	Feb. 13, 1889.
Vaughan, Leonard B.	53, Bruce.....	Oct. 5, 1887.
Melrose, Thos. G....	" ".....	Oct. 2, 1888.
Coryell, E. H.....	" ".....	Aug. 24, 1885.
McDiarmond, Geo...	54, Palestine.....	June 1, 1887.
Clement, Geo. A....	55, Niagara.....	Sept. 29, 1887.
Boardman, Thos....	56, Georgian.....	Nov. 23, 1888.
Thoburn, Adolphus..	61, Granite.....	April 4, 1889.
Springer, Mahlon...	64, Willson.....	March 17, 1888.
Robinson, Wm. S....	65, St. Paul's.....	Feb. 25, 1889.
Lafontaine, Martin W	68, Maitland.....	June, 1888.
Hamilton, Wm.....	77, Occident.....	Aug. 2, 1888.
Brookes, Frederick..	80, Ark.....	Oct. 1, 1888.
Bickford, Henry....	87, Wentworth.....	April 24, 1889.
Parnell, Edwin.....	93, Metropolitan....	Feb. 1888.
Fleming, Robt. M....	95, Tuscan.....	April 13, 1889.











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Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Thos. McGregor, Windsor.

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“ 71, Prince of Wales, Amherstburg	Essex	“
“ 73, Erie, Ridgetown	Kent	“
“ 80, Ark, Windsor	Essex	“
“ 88, Macnabb, Dresden	Kent	“

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No. 3, St. John's, London	Middlesex	County
“ 5, St. George's, London	“	“
“ 15, Wawanosh, Sarnia	Lambton	“
“ 53, Bruce, Petrolia	“	“
“ 54, Palestine, St. Thomas	Elgin	“
“ 74, Beaver, Strathroy	Middlesex	“
“ 78, Minnewawa, Parkhill	“	“
“ 81, Aylmer, Aylmer	Elgin	“

NO. 3, WILSON DISTRICT.

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No. 18, Oxford, Woodstock	Oxford	County
“ 20, Mount Horeb, Brantford	Brant	“
“ 23, Ezra, Simcoe	Norfolk	“
“ 41, Harris, Ingersoll	Oxford	“

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“ 40, Guelph, Guelph	Wellington	“
“ 49, Elora, Elora	“	“
“ 67, Enterprise, Harriston	“	“
“ 83, Ionic, Orangeville	Dufferin	“

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Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Wm. Panton, Milton.

No. 2, The Hiram, Hamilton	Wentworth	County
“ 6, St. John's, Hamilton	“	“
“ 75, St. Clair, Milton	Halton	“
“ 87, Wentworth, Dundas	Wentworth	“

NO. 6. HURON DISTRICT.

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No. 24, Tecumseh, Stratford.....	Perth	County
" 30, Huron, Goderich	Huron	"
" 46, St. James', St. Mary's	Perth	"
" 63, Havelock, Kincardine	Bruce	"
" 66, The Malloch, Clinton	Huron	"
" 84, Lebanon, Wingham.....	"	"
" 85, Exeter, Exeter	"	"

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No. 19, Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.....	Lincoln	County
" 29, McCallum, Dunnville	Monk	"
" 55, Niagara, Niagara	Lincoln	"
" 57, King Hiram, Port Colborne.....	Welland	"
" 64, Wilson, Welland.	"	"
" 69, Grimsby, Grimsby	Lincoln	"
" 76, Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls South.....	Welland	"

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No. 4, St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto.....	York	County
" 8, King Solomon's Toronto.....	"	"
" 27, Manitou, Collingwood.....	Simcoe	"
" 34, Signet, Barrie.....	"	"
" 38, Seymour, Bradford	"	"
" 56, Georgian. Owen Sound.....	Grey	"
" 60, Doric, Newmarket.....	York	"
" 62, York, Eglington.....	"	"
" 65, St. Paul's, Toronto	"	"
" 77, Occident, Toronto.....	"	"
" 79, Orient, Toronto.....	"	"
" 86, Macpherson, Meaford	Grey	"
" 91, Antiquity, Toronto	York	"
" 92, Spry, Alliston.....	Simcoe	"
" 95, Tuscan, Brampton.....	Peel	"

NO. 9, ONTARIO DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Robt. McCaw, Oshawa.

No. 28, Pentalpha, Bowmanville.....	Durham	County
" 35, Keystone, Whitby	Ontario	"
" 36, Corinthian, Peterboro'	Peterboro'	"
" 37, Victoria, Port Hope	Durham	"
" 45, Excelsior, Colborne.....	Northumb'd	"
" 48, St. John's, Cobourg.....	"	"
" 94, Midland, Lindsay.....	Victoria	"

NO. 10, PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Wm. P. Reynolds, Picton.

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“ 26, St. Mark's, Trenton	“	“
“ 31, Prince Edward, Picton	Pr. Edward	“
“ 44, Mount Sinai, Napanee	Lennox	“

NO. 11, CENTRAL DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. David Taylor, Ottawa.

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“ 16, Carleton, Ottawa	Carleton	“
“ 22, Grenville, Prescott	Grenville	“
“ 58, Pembroke, Pembroke	Renfrew	“
“ 59, Sussex, Brockville	Leeds	“
“ 61, Granite, Almonte	Lanark	“
“ 68, Maitland, North Augusta	Grenville	“
U. D. St. Lawrence, Brockville	Leeds	“

NO. 12, MANITOBA DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. S. W. Ray, Port Arthur.

No. 52, Prince Rupert, Winnipeg	Manitoba	
“ 82, Shuniah, Port Arthur	Algoma District.	
“ 90, Golden, Rat Portage	Rainey River.	
“ 98, Vancouver, Vancouver	British Columbia	
“ 99, Keystone, Portage la Prairie	Manitoba	

NO. 13, AUSTRALIAN DISTRICT.

Grand District Supt.—R. E. Comp. Jos. D'Amer Drew, Melbourne.

No. 93, Melbourne, Victoria	Australia	
“ 96, Australasian Kilwinning, Melbourne	“	
“ 97, City of Melbourne, Melbourne	“	

APPENDIX.

1889.

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REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

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*To the Most Excellent Grand Z., and the Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Canada :*

The Committee on Correspondence submit their *twenty-second* annual report of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters.

These proceedings contain many addresses and reports of marked ability and which would do credit to their authors in any legislative body or other sphere of action. The patrons of the Royal Art are second to none in the intelligence and capacity with which they manage the important affairs of the large constituency they represent. Their legislative and judicial functions embrace a wide range of thought, and are most varied in their character, yet the capability is present to deal in a satisfactory manner with all matters coming before them, whether these questions be in their nature ethical, moral, legal, charitable or financial.

Masonry is undoubtedly an influence for good, not only in the noble work it performs and in its practical exemplification of the Divine commands, but also peculiarly in the elevation of individual character. "It conduces to make all those honorable who are strictly obedient to its precepts," it restrains evil passions and tends to refinement and the development of the higher nature.

The improvement of the individual is necessarily reflected in the superior tone of collective assemblies and thus we may

expect Masonic bodies and especially convocations of Royal Arch Masons to render efficient illustrations of the *rationale* of their being. A close study of the extracts we have given in previous reports will bear us out in these statements and without further preface, we will ask our readers' attention to the following review :

ALABAMA.

Sixty-second convocation, Montgomery, December 4th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. Joseph H. Johnson, G.H.P.

Capitular Masonry has not shared in the prosperity which has attended many of the Lodges. The cause appears to be ignorance of the work on the part of the officers of Chapters. The Grand High Priest thinks that a well-equipped Companion should be put into the field to visit the Chapters and teach the work. He decided that a Companion may affiliate or join in the formation of a new Chapter, being at the same time unaffiliated with a Lodge. Correct.

The following resolutions were adopted :

“*Resolved*, That there shall be appointed by the G. H. P. two lecturers, or instructors, whose duty it shall be when called upon, to visit Subordinate Chapters or other Masonic communities and give instruction to R. A. Masons.

2nd. That as a condition precedent to such appointment, the Companion applying for the same, must have a certificate from the Committee on Work, showing that he is competent to teach the ritual of Capitular Masonry.

3rd. As compensation for his services, the lecturer or instructor shall receive such sum as may be agreed upon between such Chapter or Masons, and himself.

4th. That the term of service of the lecturer provided for in these resolutions, shall continue from the time of his appointment until the next convocation of the Grand Chapter and no longer.”

The report on correspondence is by Comp. Palmer J. Pillans, and notices Canada for 1888. In his introduction he says :

“Twenty-one years ago, when we commenced writing these reports, we had 71 active Chapters, 3,000 members, and receipts amounting to near

\$1,300. Last year's report show Chapters 23, membership 572, and receipts but little more than \$400.

In our report for 1886 we drew your attention to this constant shrinking, and prayed you severally to solve the question. Why is this? Have you done so! Is it that the love of the members for the teachings of our beautiful institution is dying out, and that these are no longer exemplified in their lives? Is it that the numerous societies, with an endowment provision, attracts, rather than our undemonstrative one? Or is it to be attributed to the poverty of our people? We know that they are so, but it is in poverty and distress that the great virtues and beauties of Masonry should be brought most prominently forward. The poorer we are, the more distressed we are, the more closely should we knit together to encourage and sustain each other. But under these circumstances do we so act towards each other? Companions, we write thus warmly because we have for a long time loved the Craft and would not that it should droop and its influence for so great good be lost to our people."

M. E. Comp. John G. Harris (Montgomery), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Myles J. Green (Montgomery), G. S.

ARKANSAS.

Thirty-ninth convocation, Little Rock, Nov. 29th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. W. K. Ramsey, G. H. P.

He formed³ three new Chapters. We copy one of his decisions:

"A companion was represented as a worthy, exemplary member of _____Chapter; a good man, and a believer in christianity, but did not believe that the soul of man became immortal until after the resurrection of the body, and could not therefore join with his brethren in depositing the emblem of immortality in the grave of a deceased brother. This question was propounded: "Could he consistently remain a member of his Chapter; if not, would his companions be justified in allowing him to voluntarily demit therefrom?" *Answer.*—First. To entitle one to be and remain a Royal Arch Mason, it is absolutely necessary that he should believe in a Deity as the Creator and Ruler of the Universe, also the immortality of the soul; but Masonry does not attempt to fix any particular period when immortality sets in; hence the Companion's belief in the doctrine of "soul sleeping," as it were, between the grave and resurrection is not such an inconsistency with the religious tests of Royal Arch Masonry as to debar him from membership. Second. As our Grand Chapter has never adopted a funeral service, I suggest that, perhaps, it would have been better to submit this case to the Grand Lodge. Third. A Royal Arch Mason in good standing has the unquestioned right to demit at any time that he may see proper."

It is gratifying to notice that their membership has materially increased and harmony and zeal prevail.

The decisions of the³ Grand High Priest were approved,

and the committee on law and usage are of opinion that no fee should be required of a Companion applying for affiliation.

Chapters must pay dues for honorary members.

Twenty-five dollars is the minimum fee for the degrees.

Every M. M. M. must select his mark within three months,

Comp. R. J. Laughlin has a very condensed report on correspondence, in which appears Canada for 1888. We may explain that our three chief officers are Zerrubbabel, Haggai and Joshua, that to fill the chair of H., the Companion must have served as J., and to fill the chair of Z., he must have served as H., unless by dispensation from the Grand Z.

M. E. Comp. W. H. Gee (Dardenelle), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. J. A. Henry (Little Rock), G. S.

CALIFORNIA.

Thirty-fifth convocation, San Francisco, April 16th 1889.

M. E. Comp. Wm. Thompson Luther, G.H.P.

His official duties were few and light. He attributes the harmonious working of the Craft, in a great measure to their systematized work and the intelligence of the High Priests of the subordinate Chapters. He formed two new Chapters at Tulare and Pasadena.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence. He gives our proceedings for 1888 a good notice. After copying the report of the executive committee regarding the Chapters in Australia, he says :

“ This report has the right ring, the unmistakable tone of self-respect and independence. The Grand Chapters of Canada, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, although located on British territory, are, in every respect, the peers of the Grand Chapter of England ; sovereign and supreme within their own jurisdiction, and with every right to establish bodies of their obedience in unoccupied territory abroad that the Grand Chapters of England or any other Grand Chapter possesses. The Grand Masonic bodies of England will learn, eventually, that they do not own the world, and that the children of their begetting have reached mature age, and are doing business for themselves. The sooner this lesson is learned the better it will be for all concerned.”

On the length of the cable-tow, he says :

“We fear that if a modern Mason were required to pack three English miles of cable-tow he would hang himself before he had made the circuit of the tessellated pavement. On this side of the border the meaning of the phrase, “within the length of my cable-tow,” is generally understood to be within the scope of a man’s ability. To construe it literally would be a manifest absurdity.”

On the resignation of officers :

“Every officer, whether elected or appointed, promises to perform the duties of his position *to the best of his ability* during the term for which he has been elected. If from the force of circumstances he no longer possesses the ability to discharge those duties, why should he not have the privilege of resigning a position he can no longer fill, in order that a competent successor may be elected? According to the Minnesota decision a companion would have no right to die during his term of office ; he must walk around and save funeral expenses until his term expires before he is permitted to expire himself. There are some theories in Masonry which ought to be supplanted by common sense.”

He quotes a decision of Dakota to the effect that no inquiry can be made as to how a member voted, nor any information received which would destroy the secrecy of the ballot, and his comments are full of good, sound sense:

“In the first decision we fully concur, except in the last clause ; but if a member so far forgets himself as to tell how he voted, and why,—and if he himself does not do so, how are the members to know the fact?—charges may be preferred against him for unmasonic conduct, and he may be dealt with, if found guilty, as the Chapter may direct. The statement that “no inquiry on this subject can be entertained, no information received,” is, in our opinion, incorrect. He who willfully and deliberately black-balls a worthy applicant for Masonic honors, out of spite or personal prejudice, commits a grievous wrong, not only to the candidate but to Masonry itself, by bringing the Craft into disrepute. Of course no one can question a brother’s vote, but if the venom in the heart of such an one leads him to disclose his vote and its purpose, then inquiry may be made and information received, and if out of his own mouth he is convicted, no penalty within the power of the Lodge or Chapter to inflict can be too severe in such a case. Such men are fungi upon the body of Masonry, and should be lopped off and thrown into the fire of general contempt and derision.”

The following report of the special committee on uniformity of work was adopted by the Grand Chapter :

“Your committee, to whom was delegated the task of devising means whereby uniformity of Capitular work can be secured throughout this jurisdiction, have thoroughly considered the subject, and beg leave to submit the following as being, in their judgment, the most feasible and best plan to produce the desired result :—

First. Let the ritual be put into cipher that can be intelligible only to the Grand Lecturer.

Second. Have so many Inspectors appointed as may be necessary to accomplish the work, to whom shall be intrusted the key to the same, and whose duty shall be to instruct the officers of such Chapters as may be under their special supervision, and who shall be amenable to the Grand Lecturer not alone for the custody and safe keeping of the cipher, but also for the correct and uniform working of their Chapters.

Your committee realize the difficulty that exists in properly districting the jurisdiction, and also in finding suitable material to act in the capacity of instructor. That such material can be found and such instruction given, your committee believe to be within the bonds of probability, and by placing the carrying out of these suggestions in the hands of the Grand Lecturer, whose interest in this subject is so well known, we confidently expect beneficial results to immediately follow."

M. E. Comp. Wm. Vanderhurst (Salinas), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Thos. H. Caswell (San Francisco), G. S.

COLORADO.

Fourteenth convocation, Denver, September 20th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. E. L. N. Foster, G. H. P.

Their membership is 1401, and they have always had a strong, healthy growth. He formed two new Chapters. We quote one decision :

"Q. 1. A Companion having taken the Mark Master, M. E. M., and R. A. degrees in Scotland, but not having received the P. M. degree, desires to affiliate, is it necessary for him to have that degree regularly conferred upon him before he can sit in a P. M. Lodge ?

A. 1. In this jurisdiction a R. A. M. who has not received all the degrees of E. A., F. C., M. M., M. M. M., P. M., M. E. M. and R. A. M., can not be admitted into a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, either as a member or visitor, and it certainly would be improper to admit into a Past Master's Lodge one who had never received that degree. In the event of the Companion desiring to visit or affiliate it would be proper to regularly confer the degree of P. M. upon him without fee "

New Brunswick was recognized.

Secretaries of Chapters are required to note on their minutes the fact that the report of the Committee on Petitions was received, but not the character of the report.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. L. N. Greenleaf and notices Canada for 1888.

M. E. Comp. Wm. T. Bridwell (Canon City), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Ed. C. Parmelee (Pueblo), G. S.

CONNECTICUT.

Ninety-first convocation, Hartford, May 14th, 1889.

M. E. Comp. A. E. Blakeslee, G. H. P.

He made a number of official visitations and found the Craft prospering and harmonious.

The Grand Secretary was directed to call the attention of their Representatives to other Grand Chapters to the necessity of complying with the regulation requiring them to report annually to the Grand High Priest their doings as such Representatives.

The Committee on Grievance and Jurisprudence had nothing presented for their consideration, and the Committee on Delinquencies found only one Chapter in arrear.

Comp. George Lee, who had served the office of Grand Treasurer for twenty years, declined further service and a committee was appointed to prepare suitable resolutions of recognition.

Comp. John H. Barlow gives Canada for 1888 a good notice. He heartily approves of our action with regard to our Chapters in Australia.

On non-payment of dues, he says :

“ We base our opinions on the proposition, that dues are necessary and should be so recognized by every member, and the brother (if able) who refuses to pay them, is guilty of masonic offence—yes, masonic crime, for is he not as firmly bound to perform the requirements of masonry, as to avoid the things prohibited by it? We would recognize no such thing as suspension from mere membership—but from the rights and privileges of masonry, which includes the chapter and all above it—of course only after specified charges and an opportunity for the brother to be heard in his defence. It is not a very pleasing sight for us to see one parading in the showy garb of a valiant knight who is suspended or stricken from the roll of his lodge for non payment of dues.

M. E. Comp. John O. Rowland (Fair Haven), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Jos. K. Wheeler (Hartford), G. S.

DAKOTA.

Fourth convocation, Deadwood, June 11th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. Collins D. Pratt, G. H. P.

He finds the Craft in a prosperous condition, the Chapters well sustained and the members anxious for information. He formed two new Chapters:

The Grand Chapter refused to assume control of the degrees of Royal and Select Masters.

New Brunswick was recognized.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence and notices our proceedings for 1887. He has a good suggestion that the Grand Chapter in cases of invasion of jurisdiction among its subordinates, should keep the fee for the benefit of the orphans home or some kindred institution. On the right to dimit he says :

“ A Lodge or Chapter, by virtue of its inherent rights, has the power to accept and reject any and all material brought up for the building of the temple. And by the same inherent right they have the right to dimit or refuse to dimit. The process of becoming a member and ceasing to be a member is precisely similar. In both instances of their own free will they petition, and then their free will ceases and the free will of the Lodge or Chapter begins. This much for the law on the question of policy. If we have among us a member who has lost all interest in our meetings, who does not find the organization what he expected, is too stingy to help support the organization, by all means, if he wishes it, let him go; or I might say, should he for any cause desire a dimit, I would give it to him if he asked it. We are all supposed to have by-laws and we are old foggy enough to believe that no one should be permitted to enter our portals before reading them. If he is satisfied to subscribe to them, then let him in; if he is not, then let him stay out. The same by-laws tell him what the result will be if he does not pay his dues; he accepts them and consequently accepts the consequences if he does not perform his part.”

M. E. Comp. John F. Schrader (Rapid City), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Thos. J. Wilder (Cassleton), G. S.

DELAWARE.

Twenty-first convocation, Wilmington, January 16, 1889.

M. E. Comp. Joseph A. Bond, G. H. P.

In his address, he says :

“ The interest manifested in Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction, has

not been as great as the beauty and impressiveness of its teachings would be supposed to inspire. If the proposition is true that our interest in any work increases with our knowledge of it, then the suggestion follows that some system should be adopted by which a knowledge of the preceding degrees should be a qualification for further advancement. If this were the case the Chapters would be benefitted, not only by an increased attendance at their Councils, but the Companions would be better qualified to assist with the work and present it in a manner that would give it new beauty and greater effectiveness. I leave the thought with you, trusting that in your wisdom you will formulate the proper legislation if the suggestion is deemed worthy of your consideration."

Our proceedings for 1888 were received.

Business entirely local.

M. E. Comp. Joseph A. Bond (Wilmington), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. James H. Price (Wilmington), G. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Twenty-second convocation, Washington, Dec. 12th, 1888.

R. E. Comp. Robt. Ball, presiding.

The Grand High Priest, W. A. Short, was unavoidably absent. He had the authority of Comp. Chapman of Massachusetts for acting on the petition of a candidate in the naval service, who belonged to a Lodge in Massachusetts. Comp. Chapman says:

"When a man changes his place of residence from one town to another or State, he at once comes under the jurisdiction of the Lodge or Chapter in the town, or if none therein, to the nearest. This under Massachusetts custom.

In the case of Perry, in service of the U. S., our practice recognizes the flag as his place of abode; hence you have a clear right to him as material for work in the Chapter, without asking anybody but yourselves.

Where his flag is, there is his home, while in the U. S. service. If you commence work on him and he should be ordered elsewhere before the work is completed, he could only proceed elsewhere by your authority—that is, you have a right to complete your work. Such is our attitude,"

It requires one of the first four Grand Officers and the Representatives of a majority of the chapters to constitute a quorum.

The Grand Visitor and Lecturer says:

"In accordance with the Constitution, I have the honor to report that all of the Subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction are in a flourishing condition, and in my opinion merit the approbation of this Grand Chapter,

A good average amount of work has been done, and well done, and this is one of the results of the wisdom of this Grand Chapter in requiring some specific qualifications of the several M. E. High Priests in this jurisdiction, one of which is that a devotion to duty must be made by showing a disposition to have the tablets of their memory furnished with the necessary data to enable them to enter upon that part of their duty."

Comp. W. R. Singleton has an excellent report on correspondence, in which our proceedings for 1888 receive due attention. We may inform Comp. Singleton that in 1884 the Grand Chapter of Canada suspended fraternal intercourse with the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

He thinks that three or five unfavorable ballots should be required to prevent a Master Mason from becoming a Royal Arch Mason.

He believes in public installations and advocates their expediency. Their ceremony must be very different from ours, as ours does contain essential secrets. He thinks the public have a right to know upon what principles our secret association is founded. We think that the public has no right to know anything of the sort.

On the work, Comp. Singleton has the following :

"We are glad to learn that the *true* Masonic work has at last been so cornered that our Companions in Minnesota have caught it. We have been in search of that *authoritative* work for nearly forty-eight years, not only in this country but through all of the old and improved rituals of the rest of the world. In every State in the United States we have found important differences in the work in all the degrees of the Chapters. We have in our possession all the *old rituals*, even the very oldest known to have ever existed of the Mark Man and Mark Master, several of the Royal Arch, and if our Companions in Minnesota have at last got the real simon-pure true work, the rest of us should send delegates there to have it imparted unto us. But, unfortunately, as was truly said by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1886, each one of the different jurisdictions would insist that his was the real, old and only true work, and refuse to change."

In his notice of New Hampshire :

"This calls our attention to the fact that in nearly all of our Grand Chapter proceedings there is seldom anything requiring the comments of reporters. Perhaps no body of men, legislating for their constituents, have reduced the science of legislation to so fine an edge as Masonic Grand Bodies in the United States. The science of government generally is well understood by intelligent, reading Masons ; and a majority of our representative Masons are such. It is true that sometimes, owing to a peculiar

condition of affairs in some jurisdictions, and under temporary excitement, hasty legislation will ensue ; but so soon as those terrible "watch-dogs" the reporters, get hold of it, they tear it to pieces, and very soon the second sober thought arises and the remedy is applied.

Often, erroneous views take the rounds ; one Grand Lodge copies from another ; the Chapters get the infection next, and then the Commanderies fall sick of the distemper, and it takes several years of criticism by the calm and dispassionate "old ones," before the remedies are applied and the erroneous laws eradicated ; but it is done at last. Good legislation always remains, and proves itself by its results."

M. E. Comp. Robt. Ball (233 G Street, N.W., Washington),
G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. L. G. Stephens (Masonic Temple, Washington),
G. S.

GEORGIA.

Sixty-sixth convocation, April 25th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. James W. Taylor, G. H. P.

He reports one new Chapter. On their Condition he says:

"The outlook for Capitular Masonry is hopeful. I have been in correspondence with Companions of several Chapters whose charters have been forfeited, looking to restoration, also with Companions in localities that have had no Chapters relative to new ones, and have given all the information and encouragement necessary, in the premises, and confidently expect in the near future, to see many old Charters revived and new Chapters organized. In Chapters that I have visited and Companions with whom I have been frequently associated there seems to be renewed enthusiasm. The purifying process is still going on, drones being driven from the Masonic hive, leaving nothing but faithful workers in the quarries of our institution, who will contribute nothing but true and tried stones for the building of the Temple."

New Brunswick was recognized.

Comp. Wm. Abram Love has a spicy report on correspondence, in which Canada for 1887 receives due notice. He has a long article on Cerneauism, which concludes as follows :

"Why leave these interlopers to pass their parasitic germs, or set their spurious grafts upon our maternal roof-tree—growths that sap the substance and shed the foliage, wither the limbs and waste the beauty, mar the symmetry and destroy the vitality of our cherished Fraternal Shade and Shelter; and this, too, simply that these hordes of Shesh-bazzarites and degree peddlers may flourish, and with their followers be furnished with mistletoe boughs for their Druidical dances ?

The action taken in California, and elsewhere, will serve to show that the idea is not *entirely obsolete*, that there yet remains "*in the Ancient Craft*," certain reserved powers, which, though long latent, might, should

necessity demand, be made *potent* in the protection of our ancient symbolisms, the promulgation of our time honored principles, and in the perpetuation of our immemorial organization."

M. E. Comp. James W. Taylor (Luthersville), G. H. P.
R. E. Gomp. A. M. Wolihin (Macon), G. S.

ILLINOIS.

Thirty-ninth convocation, Chicago, Oct. 25th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. Philander W. Barclay. G. H. P.

Their condition is prosperous beyond his hopes. He formed one new Chapter. These decisions appear correct :

" *Question.* — If a companion is suspended in the Blue Lodge and is afterwards reinstated, does that reinstate him in the Chapter without petition and usual ballot being taken?"

" *Answer.* — If the Chapter, as it does, recognizes by sanctioning and adopting the disciplinary findings of the Blue Lodge in suspending or expelling a companion, it should by analogy respect its ruling in restoring to the companion the prerogatives of which he has been deprived by its action." * * *

" *Question.* — Is a report of but two of a committee on petition for the degrees sufficient to authorize a ballot to be taken?"

" *Answer.* — In all Masonic Bodies, the usual parliamentary rules govern, unless some provision of their own or the Grand Body, under which they act, prohibit. In all parliamentary bodies the report of majority of committee, if accepted, is final.

" *Question.* — Should the report of a committee for the degrees be made in writing or only to the High Priest?"

" *Answer.* — In the Proceedings of October, 1886, page 90, the Committee on Jurisprudence stated: 'We are of opinion that the report of the committee must be in writing, signed by the committee, and read in open Chapter, and embody the result of their investigations and recommendations, as to granting or not granting, the prayer of the petitioner.'

On April 1st, I received a communication from Murphysboro Chapter, No. 164, setting forth the fact that a companion, who had been elected High Priest in December previous, had declined to be installed. Part of the officers had been installed. In consequence of this declination the work of the Chapter was somewhat embarrassed, and by a unanimous vote, I, as Grand High Priest, was asked for relief. I accordingly, on April 5th, issued an edict setting aside the election of December, and issued my dispensation for a special election, to be held on Tuesday, April 10th, directing and requiring that all members have due notice of same. There was no friction or ill feeling in any way, and I am happy to report that Murphysboro Chapter is in a prosperous condition and doing good work.

In this connection, I will mention the substance of a correspondence with one of our old and prosperous Chapters. The Secretary advised me that a companion and member of his Chapter had been adjudged insane in 1880, and was by proper authority sent to the asylum at Kankakee. When

this companion was appointed Secretary in September, 1886, his first duty was to make out the annual report, which he says was a new business to him. In this, he reported the insane companion as a member in good standing. In his report of 1887, he omitted his name, and subsequently the Grand Secretary notified him that the Committee on Chartered Chapters wished him to explain how 'the lost the companion.' This Secretary says, 'my Chapter instructs me to refer the matter to you and ask your decision how I should treat such a case in my report to the Grand Chapter.' He also adds, 'I have applied to his conservator to pay the companion's dues, but he has refused, and says the judge will not allow them to be paid from money out of the estate.' To this I replied, 'unless the record shows that this companion has been suspended, you were correct in reporting him as a member; if there was no such record, you certainly erred in dropping his name from a subsequent report. A Secretary cannot suspend a companion or remit his dues without action of the Chapter. In making your report include his name, if not suspended by the Chapter, and pay the Grand Chapter dues for the year or years his name was omitted. I cannot believe that —— Chapter would construe insanity to be un-Masonic conduct, and regret that its officers would call upon the officer of a civil tribunal or a conservator for the dues of a companion so unfortunate as this one.'

On their Masonic Home, he says ;

"I am glad to have an opportunity to officially call the attention of the Royal Craft of Illinois to the Masonic Orphan's Home, located in this city. By the wise forethought of our brethern and companions an elegant and valuable piece of property has been secured, which I understand has been thoroughly repaired and adapted to the uses that the title of this institution would indicate. Here is the first opportunity the Craft of this State have had to dispense systematic charity. I deem it unnecessary to remind you of the duty we owe to the widows and orphans of our deceased companions, but cannot refrain from recommending this grand Masonic charity to your consideration and support. I would further suggest that you could not spend an hour more pleasantly and profitably than in visiting the Home while in the city."

The Grand Chapter of Mississippi returned \$100 which had been sent to them by the Grand Chapter of Illinois during the fever panic and which was not needed.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. John M. Pearson. Canada for 1888 was received. On our action in forming Chapters in Australia, he says :

"We do not believe that our companions in Canada have acted wisely in this matter. The "right to open and establish Chapters in any country, wherein a supreme governing body does not already exist," is conceded, but would our own General Grand allow any Grand Chapter to issue charters to companions in Alaska? Then again, we doubt the wisdom of further straining relations, the chords of which are already at 'concert pitch.' No matter what our Congress may do, we never had much respect for retaliation as an argument. We believe there is 'a more excellent way.'"

In reply to some of his other comments, we may explain that our constitution recognizes dual membership, and that a Proxy may represent three Chapters; also that in the absence of the Grand Z., his place is filled by the immediate Past Grand Z., and not by the Grand H., and also that a "serving" brother or Companion is the Tyler or Janitor, who may not necessarily be a member of the Body for which he Tyles, and such serving Brothers or Companions may be admitted to the degrees free of charge.

On limiting the term of Representatives he says :

"No one will dispute the right of any Grand Chapter to limit its own commissions, but this implies the right of every other Grand Chapter to fix its own limit. We are in favor of the 'three year rule' and urged its adoption, in Illinois, years ago, and for the same reasons as now stated by the Grand High Priest, of Nebraska, but we cannot claim the right to make law for any other state, and, therefore, gladly recognize any duly accredited representative from any sister Grand Chapter while his commission is in force."

And on biennial sessions :

"It seems to us but a few years ago that we contemplated just such a resolution in our Grand Chapter, but we didn't offer it, and are glad we did not. The life of our institution depends very much upon frequent regular meetings, and we think this to be true of all branches of our Order, Grand or subordinates. Masonry is not a thing to be once espoused and then set aside, and its objects can not be obtained, in any other way, than by personal contact.

The session may be short and uneventful, but exemplification of the ritual is always in order, and generally useful."

In his notice of Quebec :

"We are reminded by reading this volume that Dr. Webster has not 'exclusive jurisdiction' over the Province of Quebec. Letters, there, are 'fyled' and ordered printed. We, however, like to see stated, in the record, the name of every Companion, making a motion. We do not care so much for the name of one seconding the motion. In fact with us the fashion of one waiting for a second is out of date. So, also, is the time-honored motion to 'receive and adopt.' A paper once read, either in regular order, or by consent, is to all intents 'received' and a motion to dispose of it in some way is all that is necessary."

Comp. Pearson makes a valuable suggestion that the Grand Representatives should be utilized by giving them the duty and privilege of writing the reports on correspondence, each one writing up the Grand Chapter which he represents. We would

suggest a modification, that each Representative should write up the proceedings of the Grand Chapter to which he is accredited and send it to the Grand Chapter that he represents.

M. E. Comp. Sylvester O. Spring (Peoria), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Gil. W. Barnard (78 Monroe St. Chicago),
G. S.

INDIANA.

Forty-third convocation, Indianapolis, Oct. 17th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. Calvin W. Prather, G. H. P.

He mentions the death of their Representative near the Grand Chapter of Canada, M. E. Comp. James Seymour, "an excellent gentlemem, a loyal Freemason, a faithful Representative," and the appointment of his successor, R. E. Comp. Wm. Hawthorn,. He formed one new Chapter.

The annual dues were increased to sixty cents, and the mileage to members was reduced from five cents per mile to three cents per mile each way.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. Thomas B. Long. He has a good notice of Canada for 1888. In his review of Wisconsin, he says :

"There is a good deal said nowadays as to compulsory affiliation, and there is a disposition, with some, to frown down a brother who may have satisfactory reasons of his own for withdrawing from the fraternity. The voluntary element is forgotten. The man was a good man, in citizenship, business, family relationship, and friendship before he ever thought of becoming a Mason. He was a good man when he conceived the voluntary idea of joining, and for that reason was admitted. He was a good man all the time he remained a Mason. But the moment he dimits he is a b-a-d man, and is given the "cold shoulder," by many he is infinitely superior to in all that constitutes worth and honor,"

M. E. Comp. Daniel McDonald (Plymouth). G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. John M. Bramwell (Indianapolis), G. S.

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Thirty-fifth convocation, Cedar Rapids. Oct. 16th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. C. H. Cogswell, G. H. P.

He mentions the death of Comp. Seymour. "Surely a good man has fallen." He appointed as his successor, R. E. Comp. George J. Bennett. He refused a dispensation to permit the use of a substitute in making up a team, but thinks that their law should be changed to allow the use of substitutes or make it discretionary with the Grand High Priest. He formed one new Chapter.

New Brunswick was recognized.

The Grand Lecturer was abolished and in his stead the following scheme was adopted :

Resolved. As a general regulation, that a permanent committee of three be appointed, whose first duty as such shall be to procure the ancient work ; one member thereof to continue for two years, one for four years, and one for six years—their terms to be determined by lot.

Resolved, That the Grand High Priest shall be one of that committee, *ex-officio.*

Resolved, That said committee shall be the *custodians of the work*, and shall cause the same to be annually exemplified in the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That said work shall be disseminated by Chapters of instruction, the same to be held under the direction of the Grand High Priest as to time and place, having due reference to the wants of the Subordinate Chapters.

Resolved, That the members of said committee be elected by the Grand Chapter."

The following was also adopted :

" It shall be the duty of the High Priest of each Chapter to require that charges of unmasonic conduct be preferred against any Companion who indulges in any unbecoming levity, or who institutes any cruel, improper, or unusual methods of conferring the Capitular degrees. Said charges shall be tried in the manner and with like penalties and results as are prescribed for other Masonic offences. It is further made the duty of the Grand High Priest to arrest the jewel of any High Priest who neglects or refuses to comply with this regulation, or who permits its violation."

Comp. R. L. Clarke reports on correspondence and notices our proceedings for 1888.

M. E. Comp. Henry C. McNeil (Sioux City), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Alf. Wingate (Des Moines), G. S.

IRELAND,
OFFICERS FOR 1889.

HON. JUDGE TOWNSHEND, LL.D., M. E. King,
CHARLES CAPEL MACNAMARA, LL.D., M. E. Deputy King,
ROBERT W. GRIFFIN, LL.D., M. E. High Priest,
WILLIAM J. WELLAND, M. E. Chief Scribe,
THOMAS FITZGERALD, M. E. Captain of the Host.
SIR ROBERT HERRON, J. P., M. E. Superintendent of the Tabernacle,
REV. A. FULLER, D. D., M. E. Royal Arch Captain,
JAMES CLARKE LANE, Q.C., M. E. Captain of the Scarlet Veil,
SIR ROBERT JACKSON, C.B., M. E. Captain of the Purple Veil,
HUGH A. AUCHINLECK, M.D., M. E. Captain of the Blue Veil,
REV. THOMAS J. WELLAND, A.M., M. E. Chaplain,
MAXWELL C. CLOSE, D.L., M. E. Treasurer,
ARCHIBALD ST. GEORGE, M. E. Registrar,
ANDREW THOMPSON, M. E. Janitor,
MAURICE E. SOLOMONS, Registrar, Grand Chapter of Ins.

The Stated Convocations of the Grand Chapter of Ireland are held at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on the First Wednesday in February, May, July, and November, at eight o'clock, p.m.

The Board of General Purposes meets at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, at four o'clock, p. m., on the Friday preceding each Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter. All communications to be laid before the Board should reach the Grand Registrar's Office at least one week previous to each meeting.

The Grand Committee of Inspection meets on the third Monday in each month (except August), at four o'clock, p. m. Names of candidates should be sent in at least one week previously.

The Grand Chapter of Instruction meets at Freemasons' Hall, at eight o'clock, p. m., on the third Thursday in January, February, March, April, and November. Registrar, Comp. M. E. Solomons.

The fee for a warrant is ten pounds, if to be held in the Dublin, District ; five pounds, if for a Country, Colonial, or Regimental Chapter ; which fee includes the registration of the nine Companions named in the Warrant, all of whom must be at least five years registered as Master Masons, received the

Mark Degréé, and be at the time subscribing members to some Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The companion named as King must be either a Past Master or the actual Master of a Craft Lodge.

The degree of Mark Master Mason is worked under the jurisdiction and protection of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and can only be conferred under Royal Arch warrants. Candidates must have obtained their Grand Lodge Certificates. The fee for registration and certificate as Mark Masons is two shillings and sixpence.

All communications on the business of the Grand Chapter should be addressed to Comp. Archibald St. George, Grand Registrar, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin.

KANSAS.

Twenty-third convocation, Junction City, Feb. 14th, 1888.
M. E. Comp. William D. Thompson, G. H. P.

He formed three new Chapters.

A suitable ceremonial was ordered to be prepared for the installation of Officers, Grand and Subordinate.

New Brunswick was recognized.

The following report was adopted :

“Your Committee on Rituals and Ceremonials, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Companion John H. Spencer, and also that part of the report of the Special Committee on Rituals referring to certain irregularities and abuses practiced by some of our subordinate chapters, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report.

After carefully investigating the matter of formulating a circular letter are of the opinion that such circular letter is unnecessary. If it be true that the work of the capitular degrees of masonry are not conferred in a proper, solemn and decorous manner in any of the chapters in the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter such deviation is exceptional, and should be made a matter of caution by the Grand lecturer of this Grand Chapter to such chapters if anywhere such informalities exist. Your committee are of the opinion that the subject matter of the resolution and the report of special committee should be referred to the Grand Lecturer for such action or recommendation as he may deem best for the good of capitular masonry.”

The Grand Secretary has a good report on correspondence

in which Canada for 1887 receives due attention. In his review of Iowa, we find the following excellent remarks :

“ One thing is certain: parrot work will no longer satisfy companions otherwise intelligent. Reasons founded in truth and clearly enunciated, lecturers must be prepared to give for every doctrine inculcated. The why, the wherefore must be made plain to each and every inquirer, else he will go away with the feeling that something has been wilfully withheld or that there is sham in the work, and gives up the attempt to make further inquiry or attainment.

Grand High Priests can more than any other companions promote the reform indicated. In view of this fact, capitular bodies should not be slow to break the line of promotion and elect a Grand High Priest or a High Priest whenever by such resort they feel sure that thorough work will follow. Let him only be elected who can fill the chair with commendable dignity and by his learning and wisdom confer honor on the body to whom he owes his elevation. The era of the “good fellow” should end; that of the wise, intelligent one should begin and continue till new Jerusalem shall come.”

And on the same subject under “Nebraska,”

“ We believe it sound policy to retain a thoroughly good officer until his equal can be found and elected. However gifted and learned a new officer may be, every companion even slightly observing, knows that it requires not a little time for him to get used to his new place and acquire the skill necessary to discharge his duties without balk or halt. This being the fact, what should be expected of one whose gifts are not great, whose learning is faulty, whose business so overwhelms him that he cannot possibly discharge official duties; or what can be expected of one whose sole recommendation is, “he is a right good fellow?” The truth is, that he only is fit to govern and direct the work of a masonic body, Grand or constituent, who has a genius for government, supplemented by sound, available knowledge, and is so far master of himself, that every obstacle will yield to his sway and genuine harmony prevail. If such a companion is found and elected to office let him be retained until one like, or nearly like him, is prepared to fill the station; then if the first will retire, the body may be reasonably sure that the good work done will not be marred by one whose mark is a zero.”

M. E. Comp. George W. Port (Beloit,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. John H. Brown (Kansas City,) G. S.

KENTUCKY.

Seventy-third convocation; Louisville, Oct. 16th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. J. Soule Smith, G. H. P.

On the state of the Craft, he says :

“ There has been peace within our jurisdiction, but it has been, in many of our chapters, that peace which betokens an inactive and sluggish nature. This most beautiful branch of freemasonry seems to have, in some measure, lost its hold upon the fraternity and to have become merely a stepping stone to the orders of Knighthood.

I am free to say my companions that the fault has been in great part my own. Frequent visitations of the Grand Officers I am sure would tend to give new vitality to the subordinate chapters. I have been unable to visit the chapters in this jurisdiction as I should, and there is no provision made by the Grand Chapter for that purpose."

There is considerable truth in these remarks. An official visit from a Grand Officer has a wonderful effect in stirring up dormant and lethargic bodies. There would be less complaint about weak Chapters if Grand Officers did their full duty in this respect. Of course if there is no appropriation for expenses it is to be presumed that the Grand Chapter does not want these visits made, or else that the position is such an honorable one that the occupant is expected to pay all his own expenses and to spend his time in doing its duties without reward or hope of reward. In general, these matters will be better attended to if the necessary funds are provided. Honor is first-rate but honor plus emolument or reimbursement for necessary outlay is much better.

If an appropriation is made, we think it should be provided that the visits to be made should be to the small places and the weak Chapters. There are a few Grand Officers who prefer to visit the larger and more populous places where they are sure of a splendid reception, but those are the places to which they should pay their own expenses.

One new Chapter was organized.

Comp. Smith has the following remarks on their masonic widows' and orphans home :

"My Companions there is little masonry in one of us who can consider that glorious institution and be unmoved. There is little humanity in any of us who can see those dear, little children—our wards in Heaven's chancery—and not find the tear springing unbidden to the eye. The Great High Priest has given them to us, as precious jewels to be kept bright, and thank God! they are bright, and pure, and sweet as the sparkling spring water that gushes from the mountain side. There is not a sad face among them, there is not a tear dimmed eye, nor a shrinking cringing form. They are free, happy, innocent, hearty children whose bounding footsteps and whose rosy cheeks, give testimony to the goodness of God and the generosity of the Masons of Kentucky. My companions it is not for us to let that great charity die out for want of nourishment. Every Chapter and every Royal Arch Mason, of Kentucky should feel it his especial privilege to

foster that Home and care for those little ones. Let us not forget them in our prayers; let us not fail to remember them in our contributions."

The following report was adopted :

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence most respectfully beg leave to report. We approve the remarks of the M. E. Grand High Priest, relative to visitations of Grand Officers to Subordinate Chapters, and suggest that the Grand Officers visit the Subordinate Chapters.

We approve also his action in declining to grant dispensations to Chapters to confer degrees out of time, and suggest that the Committee on Revision of the Grand Constitution incorporate a provision in same, whereby the M. E. Grand High Priest is empowered to do so whenever in his judgment it is expedient.

In the matter of reporting to the Grand Council the names of those who received the Council degrees in Chapter Councils, Your Committee suggest that the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify Secretaries of all Subordinate Chapters, to be forwarded him within thirty days after receipt of such notification, the names of all who received the Council degrees while the same were under the supervision of the Chapters, and that the Grand Chapter deliver same to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council."

Comp. James W. Staton reports on correspondence. He reviews Canada for 1888 and approves of our action in Australia. We are sorry to see that he thinks the proposition fee should not be returned where the candidate declines to come forward. We presume that he does not want an unwilling candidate but because the Chapter has been put to some trouble he thinks that the fee should be forfeited. It is true that the Chapter may have had some trouble and possibly some slight expense, but it is so trifling that we think it should not be taken into consideration at all. It seems to us like taking money for nothing and we have too much regard for the good name of our institution to allow it to be even suspected of any mercenary intent.

Comp. Staton has serious doubts about the propriety of Grand Chapters and the other Grand Bodies outside of the Grand Lodges passing edicts on the status of other rites "because they are as much dependent for sustenance on symbolic Masonry as are the other rites and perhaps more so." He is vigorous on the prerogative question :

"If Grand Masters &c. have so many prerogatives why in the name of common sense is the use to define the duties and prerogatives of such in the various constitutions. If Grand Masters, Grand High Priests &c. have

such unlimited powers we think it worse than nonsense to say what powers they have, and what they shall do, and what they shall not do. If they have the power to set aside plain provisions of the constitution which they swear to maintain and support, they have no restrictions on power at all. There may have been a time in the history of the craft that prerogatives were in order, but since the days of written constitutions we deny the power of any Grand Master, or other presiding officer, to set aside the plain provisions of a written constitution."

He thinks that the "promotion in line" business should be broken up. So do we.

On collecting the P. W. from the east he says :

"We hold that if the High Priest invited a Companion to a seat in the Council that was proof enough that he was properly vouched for. It is imputing too much ignorance on the part of the High Priest to presume for a moment that he would invite any one to a seat in the Council unless he knew the party to be a Royal Arch Mason ; and if the Captain of the Host had have had proper respect for his superior officer, he would not have presumed to call in question the avouchment by the High Priest, by reason of his appointment of the companion to a seat in the Council."

If the High Priest invites a Companion to a seat in the east that no doubt is a sufficient voucher, but suppose one goes and sits there without being invited? We have known such cases and our practice provides for the collection of the P. W. from all, except those in the East for whom the presiding Officer vouches.

M. E. Comp. Henry G. Sandifer (Danville), G. H. P.
R. E. Comp. Joseph H. Branham (Louisville), G. S.

LOUISIANA.

Forty-second Convocation, New Orleans, Feb. 12th, 1889.
M. E. Comp. Herman C. Duncan, G. H. P.

Nine Chapters represented out of 15 on the roll.

Comp. Duncan made a number of official visits in order to stir up the interest and revive some of the weak Chapters. He found no decadence and a reasonable amount of zeal and earnestness. He recommends the appointment of a Grand Lecturer to secure more uniformity of work. He is strongly opposed to the use of keys or cyphers. "The communication of our secrets should be oral and oral only." He gives some

good advice on the necessity of attending the regular meetings whether there is a quorum present or not :

“In April, I visited Gordy Chapter at Opelousas, or rather I attempted to make it an official visitation. I was most hospitably received at the station by a committee, and everything was done during my stay to make my visit pleasant. At night, we gathered around the Masonic hearth-stone. A quorum could not be obtained, and the Chapter could not be opened. I am not prepared to say, however, that the absence of a sufficient number was a cause of much regret, for it enabled me to give practical demonstration to the advice which I then gave, and would give on all similar occasions. Companions, do not neglect to go to your halls at the stated times, even when you know that there will not be a quorum. That rainy night in Opelousas we spent several hours in the Chapter rooms. I took my proper place, had the doors locked, and gathered the companions about me. We talked over the work ; we examined the finances ; we recalled the memories of other days, by a careful inspection of the book of marks. Whenever a Chapter finds itself without a quorum, let not the time be thrown away. Let the companions burnish their armor ; let them hold a school of instruction ; let them encourage themselves by a rehearsal of the trials and the conquests of those who have travelled before them. By all means, let not a companion stay away from his Chapter when he thinks there will not be a quorum. Time need not be wasted, even under such unfortunate circumstances.”

New Brunswick was recognized.

The Committee on Work could not see where the funds were to come from to pay a Grand Lecturer, unless the Grand Lodge would assist.

The Grand Chapter of Louisiana was organized in 1813. It was then a chamber in the Grand Lodge, whose officers were ex-officio the officers of Grand Chapter. It was declared extinct by the General Grand Chapter in 1844. Its last convocation was held in 1850, when its Chapters went under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, which was organized in 1848 under the General Grand Chapter.

M. E. Comp. Herman C. Duncan (Alexandria,) G. H. P.
R. E. Comp. J. C. Batchelor (New Orleans,) G. S.

MAINE.

Sixty-third convocation, Portland, May 1st, 1888.

M. E. Comp. James M. Nevens, G. H. P.

A text book, containing a digest of decisions, &c., is nearly
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completed. Five hundred copies are to be printed and furnished to the Chapters at cost.

Comp. Josiah H. Drummond reports on correspondence. On one of the numerous phases of non-affiliation, where in some jurisdictions, the penalties are carried to excess, he says :

“We deny the right of any Grand Chapter to adopt a valid regulation forbidding a Royal Arch Mason to be the recipient of masonic charity *from a companion* simply because he is not affiliated. A Grand Chapter cannot release us from our obligations, much less can it lawfully command us to violate them. The regulation in question undertakes to interfere with the *personal* obligations of Royal Arch Masons. A mason has the right under the landmarks of the craft to be and remain a mason although not a member of a lodge: he may be deprived of and denied all the rights and privileges growing out of membership; but he cannot be deprived of the rights which he gained by admission to the fraternity, one of which is to ask and receive assistance from a brother.”

Canada for 1887 receives due attention. He styles the report of Comp. J. Ross Robertson on Capitular Masonry, as a model.

He is in favor of verbal reports on character :

“His views correspond with the practice in Maine from thirty to forty years ago, except that then the members of the committee each made a *verbal* report as information, and then a ballot followed. Often other members also gave information, but always before the ballot. Afterwards the printed blank was introduced, having upon it the petition, the recommendation and the report, which was simply a statement that the applicant is, or is not, “worthy of the honor he solicits.” We regard this as an unfortunate invention so far as the form of *report* goes; the other parts of the blank are useful. If each member of the committee was required to rise in his place and make a statement, he would have such a greater sense of his responsibility, that his inquiry would be more active and his report more careful. We are not sure that our statement of the practice in Maine is not too broad. It was the practice in our own lodge and chapter and in the lodges that we visited : but we cannot tell when printed forms for reports were first introduced into other Maine bodies. We wish that there could be a return to the practice of making oral reports.”

He thinks that a Mason should not undertake to decide upon the regularity of one whom his Grand Body refuses to recognize, and if the governing authority decides that the masons made in a particular body are not regular, such masons cannot be personally recognized.

On the order of High Priesthood, he says :

“He wants light in relation to the Order of High Priesthood. The result of as full an investigation, as we were able to make, was the conclusion that it was never a part of the installation ceremony of a High Priest, but was originally patterned upon the Past Master’s degree, conferred upon Masters as a part of their installation; that High Priests, possessing the order, formed a council for more conveniently conferring, and conferred it on only such *as they might approve*; so that a High Priest is not entitled to it as matter of right. We think this states the old usage, and that now generally prevailing; but within a few years, the Grand Chapter of New York has made it an incident of installation, to which a High Priest is entitled, and which he is required to have, though not necessarily when he is installed, or before he enters upon the duties of his office. While as an honorary order, it is impressive and instructive, we think that the New York practice is the most consistent with masonic polity and usage.”

His remarks on the ballot are applicable to a case which recently arose in our own jurisdiction :

“A candidate is rejected at one convocation, and at the next a companion declares that he cast the black ball by mistake : in most jurisdictions it is held that the rejection stands, but Comps. Caswell and Wait hold that the Grand High Priest should grant a dispensation for a re-ballot, in spite of the law generally agreed to that a ballot cannot be reconsidered. Human laws cannot be perfect. Through accident or mistake, injustice may be done in a particular case, and yet that is no reason for repealing the law. It is always a choice of evils, whether we shall have no law or submit to its working injustice in a few cases. This case is an illustration. If the party claims that he cast a *black* ballot when he intended to cast a *white* one, and does not instantly discover his error, it is impossible to know with certainty that he was the one who cast the black ballot. If he claims that he cast the black ballot intentionally, but under some mistake of fact in relation to the candidate, it comes within the reason for waiting six months. The trouble is that Comp. Caswell assumes that because a companion declares that he cast the *black* ballot by mistake. it is certain that he did so, whereas, from the nature of the case, he was much more likely to be mistaken in his declaration than he was as to the character of his ballot. We hold, therefore, that less injustice is likely to be done in adhering to the law, than in opening the question and undertaking to decide in each case whether there has been a mistake or not. Unfortunately, also, our law has been often violated or overriden fraudulently by zealous friends of candidates, to have them elected : the departure proposed in this class of cases, would open the door very wide for fraudulent practices.”

On the meaning and origin of the word “Dispensation,” he says :

“Going back to the earliest written constitutions of the craft, we find that, beyond question, the word had a well-defined meaning. It undoubtedly arose from the civil law. It is a historical fact the Sovereigns of England formerly exercised the power of “dispensation”: that it was no more and no less than dispensing with the general law in special cases. It was one of the causes of complaint in 1688, against James II, that he exercised this power to such an extent as to abuse it. Masonry took the word from the civil law and used it in the same sense : the idea was that

the chief executive officer had the power inherent in his office to dispense with the law in special cases. This idea was adopted in practice in the early days of Masonry and was received as part of its fundamental law : it came to this country with masonry ; it continued to be the law in all the jurisdictions for many years ; it still is law in many of the older Grand Lodges ; the practical repeal of it in some jurisdictions and the denial of it in others are modern innovations."

We also acknowledge again our indebtedness to Comp. Drummond for his valuable table of statistics :

GRAND CHAPTERS.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions and Restorations	Dimissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Sus. for Non- payment of dues.	Deaths.
Alabama	572	35	20	15	0	0	9	10
Arkansas	1,511	151	42	40	1	1	28	14
California	4,292	212	102	72	1	0	42	68
Canada	3,441	198	39	123	0	....	*139	44
Colorado	1,292	80	19	39	1	....	*39	15
Connecticut	4,286	186	46	11	...	†7	36	59
Dakota	1,075	134	28	33	0	....	*5	9
Delaware	292	26	1	3	0	....	*3	5
District of Columbia ..	1,363	122	27	14	0	4	15	13
Florida	364	62	34	9	0	....	*1	7
Georgia	1,172	109	23	38	0	....	*26	17
Illinois	12,508	837	134	309	4	....	*293	163
Indiana	4,927	320	60	146	3	11	73	55
Iowa	6,503	440	98	255	5	....	*129	72
Kansas	3,377	347	90	95	2	....	*49	30
Kentucky	2,202	126	43	68	0	....	*62	27
Louisiana	625	28	5	7	0	....	*15	14
Maine	4,463	232	18	60	0	0	47	66
Maryland	1,236	95	11	37	0	....	*16	19
Massachusetts	10,138	590	....	149	0	....	131	146
Michigan	9,020	590	91	175	9	5	139	102
Minnesota	3,071	241	48	83	0	†2	10	30
Mississippi	1,120	67	18	17	0	0	40	23
Missouri	5,100	415	107	110	0	....	*119	69
Nebraska	1,940	260	194	75	0	....	*32	18
Nevada	353	9	8	12	0	0	7	4
New Brunswick	402	27	....	6	0	....	*17	2
New Hampshire	2,536	104	2	20	1	0	24	42
New Jersey	2,533	163	42	44	0	....	*108	35
New York	15,332	934	206	233	...	....	*†563	202
North Carolina	657	35	7	10	0	1	6	1
Nova Scotia	510	21	7	23	0	0	0	5
Ohio	10,817	758	198	248	19	....	316	138
Oregon	866	45	15	10	0	0	19	13
Pennsylvania	11,998	691	121	112	5	....	*235	183
Quebec	443	14	20	12	0	....	*15	4
Rhode Island	1,779	62	4	6	0	0	11	27
South Carolina	264	4	9	6	0	0	22	5
Tennessee	1,888	97	74	40	1	1	27	30
Texas	3,869	299	98	148	6	....	*78	53
Vermont	2,132	109	4	20	0	....	*4	38
Virginia	1,384	61	39	64	0	0	17	10
Washington	329	77	29	9	0	0	0	3
West Virginia	529	69	5	10	0	1	11	7
Wisconsin	4,220	220	35	64	2	....	*54	45
General Grand Chapter.	1,118	82	32	32	0	....	*3	7
	149,903	9,784	2,253	3,112	60	33	3,035	1,949

*Including suspensions for U. M. C., and those stricken from the roll.

†Including expulsions. §No Proceedings received; same as last year

The total membership is 149,903, against 146,339 in 1887 ; the exaltations, 9,784 against 8,969 ; the admissions and restorations, 2,253 against 1,999 ; the dismissions 3,112 against 3,125 ; the expulsions, 60 against 84 ; the suspensions (including suspensions for non-payment of dues and dropping from the roll) 3,068 against 3,132 ; and the deaths 1,949 against 1,878. In each item of gains there has been an increase ; in each item of loss there has been a decrease, except in the deaths. This showing is indicative of prosperity "all along the line" ; it very rarely happens that there is a gain in so many of the items. Last year *ten* Grand Chapters showed a falling off in membership ; this year there are also *ten* in the same category. But this year Alabama, Arkansas, Missouri, New Jersey, New York and Oregon all of which last year showed a loss, this year show a gain ; while their places are supplied by Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Canada, Kentucky, Mississippi and Quebec show a falling off both years. In most cases the gain or loss has been quite small, however."

M. E. Comp. George W. Goulding (Oakland), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Ira Berry (Portland), G. S.

MARYLAND.

Ninety-first convocation, Baltimore, Nov. 13th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. C. C. Isaacs, G. H. P.

He commissioned Comp. R. L. Patterson as their representative near Canada. On the great work of Comp. Schultz on history, he says :

"Learning that Companion Edward T. Schultz designed publishing in his "History of Freemasonry in Maryland," the history of the early Chapters in this jurisdiction, together with the full proceedings of the Grand Chapter from its re-organization in 1814 to 1847, it seemed to me desirable that while this matter was in type, it should be re-paged, and copies printed for the use of the Grand Chapter. After a consultation with the Grand Council, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and many other members of the Grand Chapter, all of whom approved the suggestion, I arranged with Companion Schultz to print 1000 copies for the sum of \$150. Companion Schultz has added to the interest of the publication by incorporating in full the proceedings of 1807, and the Constitution at that time from the only copy of the Proceedings in existence ; he also gives a history of the Council of High Priesthood with the list of Companions anointed from the year 1824, making altogether a most valuable and instructive publication. I trust the action of your Grand Officers may meet with your approval, and that the thanks of the Grand Chapter may be given to Companion Schultz for the time and labor he has bestowed upon this most desirable work. I recommend the distribution of the reprint of Proceedings be referred to a committee of three including the Grand Secretary."

On the same subject, the committee say :

"The action of the Grand High Priest in securing a reprint of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter from its formation to 1847, deserves the

hearty approval of this Body, while the publication by Companion Schultz of the entire record for the period named, greatly enhances the value of his history to Royal Arch Masons. We append a Resolution for the appointment of a Committee to superintend the distribution of the document."

The report on correspondence is by Comp. E. T. Schultz. In his review of Pennsylvania, he says :

"Appended to the proceedings is an historical paper by Companion Chas. E. Meyer, in which it is stated, that so far as known, the Royal Arch Degree was first introduced in the United States in Royal Arch Lodge, No. 3, of Philadelphia, under authority from the Grand Lodge of England, known as the Ancient or Seceders. "Tradition asserts the time as 1758, but the minutes still extant begin in 1767."

This Royal Arch Lodge became in time Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, and he says it is "the oldest Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the world."

He also claims that the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is "the oldest in the world" having been organized under authority of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1795.

As this Grand Chapter remained under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge until 1824, and then only became a sovereign independent body, we hardly think the claim of Companion Meyer will hold. Maryland Companions claim that the Grand Chapter of Maryland is the oldest *independent* Grand Chapter in this country. It has been clearly ascertained that a Grand Chapter was existing in Maryland as early as June 24th, 1797. The writer has in his possession the original dispensation for the formation of a Chapter in Baltimore, issued 1797 by David Kerr, Grand High Priest. There is nothing in the records of the Grand Lodge to show that it had any connection whatever with that body, hence we claim that it was an independent Grand Chapter and is older nearly by one year, than any other independent Grand Chapter in this country."

He has a good notice of Canada for 1888. He thinks that the constitution should not permit an officer to resign and argues from the stand-point of the old regulations governing the fraternity. But is it not doubtful what were the provisions of the "old regulations" on this matter? According to Comp. Drummond the promise to serve for the term for which he is elected is a modern usage.

M. E. Comp. Joseph F. Hindes (Baltimore,) G. H. P.
R. E. Comp. George L. McCahan (Baltimore,) G. S.

We have also received a reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia from 1814 to 1848, and the convention of 1807, re-organizing the Grand Chapter, with an account of the introduction of capital masonry and sketches of the Subordinate Chapters and

Mark Masters' Lodges, by Comp. Edward T. Schultz, which makes a very interesting volume. In the first body of which there is any record, the names of the officers are given as "Grand Master Zerrubabel, Grand Master Haggai;" and in Subordinate Chapters the titles are variously given as M. E. High Priest, First and Second Scribes; First and Second Chiefs. The only degree mentioned is that of the "Holy Royal Arch."

MASSACHUSETTS.

Eighty-eighth convocation, Boston, Dec. 11th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. Arthur G. Pollard, G. H. P.

In his annual address the Grand High Priest congratulates the Companions upon their prosperous condition and the renewed interest in the work. Every Chapter in the jurisdiction has now a Book of Marks and in some of the Chapters every member has his mark recorded. On granting dispensations he Says :

"For reasons which seemed to me good and sufficient, I have granted during the year six dispensations. But I have long been of the opinion that there is a tendency towards an excessively liberal exercise of this high privilege, or rather a tendency towards a too frequent expression of a desire to have dispensations granted, which is not in the line of influences to promote the welfare of Chapter Masonry. The simple convenience of the applicant is not a good and sufficient reason for the exercise of this power. Undue frequency in the use of this prerogative has a tendency to weaken the moral force of regular and systematic work, and affords encouragement for carelessness and disregard of certain proprieties which is not consistent with the dignity of this Grand Body.

If affairs in the several Chapters are managed with proper care and foresight, the instances will be comparatively rare when applications for dispensations will be presented. I therefore urge it upon the officers of the several Chapters to see to it as far as possible that this privilege is not asked for unless the attending circumstances are peculiar and extreme."

In one of the reports from the District Deputies we find :

"It will be seen by the above table, Harmony and Samoset R. A. Chapter's Books of Marks tallies with their membership and the designs are likewise very artistically executed. I think if more attention was given to choosing for a Mark, *"some simple device, easily affixed and easily distinguished"* it would be much better not only for those who make such choice, but particularly for the artist having the laborious task of designing and tastefully inscribing the same in the Book of Marks. For instance the party having the matter in charge for the Book of Marks of Orient R. A. Chapter, reports much difficulty with the *Shibs* and *Brigs* that have been chosen as Marks, as well he might

Comp. John W. Dadmun has an excellent report on correspondence, in which we find the following in his notice of Canada for 1888 :

“Canada’s position is in keeping with Masonic usage in the States ; and we do not see what the Grand Lodge has to do with R. A. Masonry in England or America.

We now come to a veteran Reporter of *twenty-one* years Comp. Henry Robertson. He is ‘of age,’ and his Grand Chapter should, during the year, celebrate the event. For the greater part of that time we have been *confreres* in the same department of Capitular work ; and the best of all is we have stood shoulder to shoulder in support of the fundamental principles of our sublime Institution—‘old fogies,’ some would call us, but we are just as young at heart as the youngest of the Craft. Even our youthful friend, away down at the ‘Golden Gate’ says of the writer—in reply to Comp. Patton, who accused us of pointing our Gatling gun, ‘*loaded for bear*’—‘We will add that he generally brings home his bear.’ Thank you, Comp. Caswell, we will square accounts with you when we get that ‘exquisite boquet.’”

He suggests a remedy for non-affiliation :

“How can we prevent the lengthening of the long list of unaffiliated Masons ?

While it is admitted that a Mason in good standing may voluntarily surrender his membership in a Subordinate Lodge or Chapter, it must be conceded that he cannot sever his connection with the Fraternity, except by voluntarily committing some offence that will subject him to expulsion from all Masonic rights and privileges. An unaffiliated Mason, then, is one who is not a member of any subordinate body of Masons. He may be dimitted, suspended, or discharged from membership, or, where the old usage of voting on membership is in force, he may never have taken membership.

The increasingly large number of the unaffiliated is startling. In the Capitular Statistics for 1887, the number is 6,341, against 8,969 exaltations. If we subtract from the unaffiliated the number of ‘admissions and restorations,’ 1,999, we still have remaining 4,342. An approximate estimate, at that rate, for the last fifteen years—making liberal allowance for deaths and restorations—will give about 50,000 unaffiliated Chapter Masons. The table shows that about one-half of that number have been dimitted. No wonder our growth in membership is so small. The net increase for the year is only 2,749, in a membership of 146,339 ; and the increase of the non-affiliated is 4,342, including expulsions and suspensions.

Now we ask, is there not something radically wrong in the general and special regulations governing membership ? We think this question opens the subject in the right direction, and suggests an answer to our first question, at least an entering wedge.

Petition the Grand Chapter for authority to place on an *honorary or retired list*, free from dues, those members who have rendered valuable service to the Fraternity, the indigent, aged and infirm, and those that may wish to be excused from attending Masonic meetings. We cannot ignore the fact that ill health, family afflictions, and changed business-regulations often make it difficult, if not impossible, for some Companions to attend convocations as they have been wont to do.

If an honest Mason could be honorably excused from attending Masonic meetings, and consequently from paying dues, it would be an act of kindness that Companions, under some circumstances would highly appreciate, and which would obviate the necessity of asking for a demit. It certainly would not conflict with any fundamental principal of the order, but would be in keeping with that charity that 'seeketh not her own,' and 'doth not behave itself unseemly.' Is there any justice or equity in requiring members to pay dues to the Grand Chapter or its subordinates when, for any good reason, they cannot attend Masonic meetings? And yet, if they have been true to their obligations, they should be retained on the list of the affiliated, rather than forced into the column of the dimitted or suspended.

We have lived long enough to know many men, and Masons, too, who are obliged to deprive themselves of social enjoyments which once they could well afford. And they are men that will not ask of any social organization, to which they belong, to be placed on the roll of beggars. Heaven bless them for their manliness.

We have thrown out these thoughts, not because they are all that can be written upon the subject, but in the hope that correspondents will aid in solving the problem."

He is opposed to inflicting the highest penalty for the smallest offence and says that the more that severity of discipline prevails in any jurisdiction, the larger will be the list of the unaffiliated.

M. E. Comp. Arthur G. Pollard (Lowell), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Alfred F. Chapman (Boston), G. S.

MICHIGAN.

Fortieth convocation, Grand Rapids, Jan. 15th, 1889.

M. E. Comp. Benjamin F. Watts, G. H. P.

He formed two new Chapters, one at Iron Mountain and the other at Bessemer, both in the mining region of the upper peninsula. He refused permission to a Chapter to solicit aid from the other Chapters, their hall having been destroyed by fire. He thinks that this method is demoralizing to the craft at large, that they should utilize their own resources to the fullest extent and then come to the Grand Chapter with their application.

The committee on Masonic Home reported as follows :

"Your committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand High Priest's address as refers to the Masonic Home, in the city of Grand Rapids, respectfully report, that we commend and applaud the generous sentiments so beautifully expressed by him, and trust the generous impulses of charity

and benevolence which he has sown in this grand body will take root and bear rich fruit, that will honor our craft and shed blessing upon the beneficiaries of the home. No object lies nearer the true mason's heart than charity; for without this crowning virtue our cardinal lessons would be a blank, and our boasted care for our destitute and distressed brethren, their widows and orphans, a hollow mockery. The objects and purposes of the Masonic Home of Grand Rapids is now an assured fact, and we believe that this grand body ought to extend to this institution, as far as it can, that substantial aid which will enable it to fulfil its holy mission of charity and hospitality to all the needy and deserving worthy brethren upon whom misfortune's blight has fallen; and thereby prove to the world the sincerity of our intentions, and exemplify in our daily intercourse with the world the beautiful teaching of our beloved order."

A marked tribute of respect is paid to the memory of Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, who was Grand Secretary for many years and who died recently at the age of 83.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence and extracts largely from our report of 1888.

He believes that twenty-five years of Masonic work and payment of dues ought to exempt any Companion from further payments. So do we.

M. E. Comp. William Wentz (Manistee), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. William P. Innes (Grand Rapids), G. S.

MINNESOTA.

Twenty-seventh convocation, St. Paul, October 9th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. William F. Dickenson, G.H.P.

Forty out of the forty-seven working Chapters in the jurisdiction responded to the roll-call.

The Grand High Priest formed one new Chapter. He thinks that the High Priest should have power to remove a negligent Secretary and appoint another. On their condition he says:

"The condition of the several chapters in this jurisdiction seems to be generally good and fairly prosperous. We bear upon our rolls about 3,300 Royal Arch Masons. The Grand Lodge has on its rolls about 10,300 Master Masons, and hence it follows that about three-tenths of the whole are Royal Arch Masons, and this percentage seems to prevail in the majority of the subordinate chapters of the state. The number of working chapters bears a like percentage to the number of working lodges in Minnesota.

But three of our chapters report that *all* of their present members have recorded their marks, and seven chapters report that *none* of them have. Between these two extremes are to be found the other thirty eight chapters.

It goes without saying that this is not as it should be, and I would suggest the adoption of a regulation making it a necessary prerequisite for exaltation that the applicant shall have recorded his mark. Sixteen of our chapters are occupying halls owned by the fraternity, and only one of these reports any considerable indebtedness, and, as you are all aware, the fraternity at Minneapolis have lately laid the corner stone of a temple designed to be more magnificent than any now in the Northwest.

Forty-eight chapters report that they have on hand paraphernalia valued at.....	\$20,000
And cash in their treasuries to the amount of.....	15,325
And other resources in excess of liability to the amount of.....	21,675

Making a grand total of	\$57,000
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Four chapters report that they have held less than four convocations within a year. This is a violation of section 14 of the by-laws of this Grand Chapter, and I forbear to name them here, feeling sure that, their attention being called to it, that it will not occur again. There appears to have grown up among the high priests a very careless and indifferent habit of not affixing their signatures to the minutes ; seventeen chapters reporting their minutes unsigned by the high priest. This indifference by the high priests to the records of your chapters, companions, is not a good example for your secretaries."

On Cerneauism he remarks :

"One of our oldest chapters reports that it has been severely injured during the past two or three years by that impecunious impostor known as the 'Supreme Council of the United States and its dependencies.' I trust it, like other humbugs, will soon have run its course and no longer be a disturbing element in this jurisdiction."

Three hundred dollars were appropriated to pay the expenses of visiting the Chapters and reporting their state.

Mark Masters must now record their marks before they can be exalted to the Royal Arch degree.

It is the duty of the High Priests to see that the Chapter property is properly protected by insurance.

The Grand Secretary submitted his twenty-first report on correspondence. In his introduction he says :

"We are of age. We announce the fact authoritatively, this being our twenty-first consecutive report on Foreign correspondence made to the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. Our first was made in 1863. The finances being rather short, no committee was again appointed until 1867.

Among the reporters of the time, who have gone home, we recall the names of Companions Storer, of Connecticut ; Corson of New Jersey ;

O'Sullivan, of Missouri ; Fuller, of Tennessee ; Alden, of Wisconsin ; Langridge, of Iowa ; Hodges, of Kentucky. There yet remains with the harness still on, Pillans, of Alabama ; Drummond, of Maine ; Robertson, of Canada ; Dawkins, of Florida. Verily, it was a good school.

Our old friend, Comp. Doyle, of Rhode Island—he, too, has gone home—christened the writers on Foreign Correspondence, 'The Mutual Admiration Society.' He was one of them in another department."

On Cerneauism, he says :

"Our understanding was—we were present at the union in Boston in 1866—that for the purpose of peace and harmony in the rite, all the members of the Raymond, Cerneau and Van Rensselaer bodies, so named for distinction at the time, united in one Supreme Council as the successor of the only legitimate body, the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction; new officers were selected alternating from each of the bodies. There was rejoicing everywhere, peace reigned, harmony and good fellowship existed everywhere and so remained for fifteen years, when one, an expelled party, attempted to resuscitate a body that had been dead fifteen years ; the next year two other parties, for their own purposes, attempted to organize another resuscitation. Each of these bodies have put forth a claim to be 'The Supreme Council of the United States and its dependencies.' Both have been declared clandestine by all the Supreme Councils in the world.

We would say, 'Yes, let them fight it out on their own line,' provided they did not disturb the harmony of our bodies ; but when they claim and threaten to exercise the right of giving the blue degrees, when our chapters are paralyzed by their machinations, then we say, treat them as you would any other clandestine bodies.

Canada for 1888 receives a good notice.

He believes in verbal reports on character.

In his review of Texas, he has the following :

"On the question 'Has the captain of the host the right to challenge the Grand Council when directed to purge the chapter?' under the head of Arkansas he says :

The captain of the host being required to purge the chapter, certainly has the right to satisfy himself as to the council as well as the floor. It is but part of the chapter, and there is no peculiar sacredness pertaining to those therein, that can prevent the captain of the host or any other companion satisfying himself that 'all present are Royal Arch Masons.' We remember we had forcibly impressed upon us once that 'good clothes, company and jewels,' were not all that entitled one to be, even in a master's lodge.

Reminds us that when Grand Master, many years since, we visited a lodge U. D., and occupied a seat along side of the worshipful master in the East. The proper officer, in reply to a question, answered 'that he was satisfied that all present were Master Masons—except the Grand Master.'

The answer was right ; he had no business to recognize the writer as a Mason, although sitting in the East.

It is related that many years since an organization of colored men anxious for recognition invited the then Grand Master of Pennsylvania to visit their

body. One evening the Grand Master accompanied by others, visited the ante-room. The door was immediately thrown open, the party marched in, made a circuit of the room, retiring, informed them that they were not Masons, as they had permitted him and others to enter without examination; that although he had the reputation of being Grand Master, yet they had no evidence that he was a Mason."

M. E. Comp. Charles L. West (Austin), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. A. T. C. Pierson (St. Paul), G. S.

MISSISSIPPI.

Fortieth convocation, Columbus, February 8th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. Charles T. Chamberlain, G.H.P.

Their condition is not very flourishing :

"My administration, as Grand High Priest, has been remarkable for the little I have been called upon to do. If we could accept this as an indication of superior intelligence and knowledge of Masonic law in the officers of the Subordinate Chapters alone, we should have cause of gratulation. Unfortunately, however, the prime cause of the quiet in the office of your Grand High Priest, is to be found in the apathy and lack of interest that pervades all the Orders of Masonry, and particularly the Chapter. I may be mistaken in this, and most sincerely do I hope that I am, but the Grand Secretary's report, the attendance at this Convocation and the returns from the Subordinate Chapters will tell the tale. I should be delighted to be able to suggest some measure that would result in a revival of interest in Chapter Masonry, but I confess myself unequal to the task. Perhaps your combined wisdom and zeal may meet the emergency."

The receipts for the year exactly balance the payments. 32 Chapters report 52 exaltations, being two more than the preceding year. Of the forty Chapters in force, ten are alive only in name. They have 1120 members, an increase of five.

The following resolutions and report were adopted :

"The Committee on Capitular Law, to whom was referred so much of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's address as refers to jurisprudence, beg leave to report that it has maturely considered the same and approves of all his actions except that granting a dispensation to Lexington Chapter to ballot upon petitions at a special meeting, his powers in granting dispensations as defined and limited by Section 29 of the Statutes, not extending to an interference with the ballot. The dispensing power of the Grand High Priest under our present regulations, while covering almost every contingency which can arise in the workings of Chapters, was designedly restricted in respect to the ballot, with a view to correcting certain irregularities which seemed inseparable from the exercise of such powers and which were not calculated to promote the harmony of Chapters. In this respect our regulation differs from that of the Grand Lodge, and we think it probable that in granting the dispensation referred to the difference was overlooked by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest." * * *

Resolved, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter hereby releases control of the Cryptic Degrees and recommend that the Grand Council of R. and S. M. re-assume its former jurisdiction of the degrees.

"That Chapters are hereby prohibited from communicating and conferring the Cryptic Degrees, recognizing the authority of the Grand Council in all matters pertaining to said degrees." * * * *

"Whereas, The duties required of the Grand Treasurer are not onerous ; and

Whereas, The report of said Treasurer shows that the treasury of the Grand Chapter is now empty ; therefore be it

Resolved, That the regulation allowing Grand Treasurer a compensation of fifty dollars, be suspended for one year from this date."

New Brunswick was recognized.

Comp. P. M. Savery reports on correspondence and notices our proceedings for 1887.

M. E. Comp. N. W. Bouton (Ashland), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. J. L. Power (Jackson, G. S.

1889.

Forty-first convocation, Meridian, February 13th, 1889.

M. E. Comp. N. W. Bouton, G.H.P.

The Grand Secretary suggests a reduction in his salary from \$300 to \$200 and that the reduction apply to the past year. He also suggests that members attending both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter might waive mileage in Grand Chapter. We think that they should be prohibited from drawing double mileage. Their consciences must be very elastic to allow them to think of such a thing.

Thirty-three Chapters show fifty-four exaltations and 910 members.

The three years term for Grand Representative was adopted.

The dues of all defunct Chapters were remitted, provided they are revived within six months.

The following report was adopted :

"8. While we are unalterably opposed to the creation of any grade in Masonry by which one brother is elevated upon a plane above any other, and by which the principle is destroyed that all meet on equality in a

Masonic body, we recognize that those who have borne the heat and burden of the day are entitled to receive the reward of their labors, and recommend the adoption of the following as an additional regulation for the governing of Chapters :—

SECTION —. Any Royal Arch Mason who is more than seventy years of age, and who has been a member of some Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for a period aggregating twenty-one years, shall be a life member of the Chapter in which he holds membership, and shall be exempt from dues, either to the Chapter or Grand Chapter.”

Comp. P. M. Savery reports on correspondence. Canada for 1888 is accorded favorable mention.

M. E. Comp. A. D. Bailey (Waterford), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. J. L. Power (Jackson), G. S.

MISSOURI.

Forty-first convocation, St. Louis, May 10th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. Reuben Barney, G.H.P.

He formed one new Chapter held four State Chapters of instruction, at which the attendance was fair and no doubt good was accomplished. The craft are in a prosperous and healthy condition.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

“*Resolved*, That a Committee on Ritual shall be appointed to consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to carefully consider the ceremonies and lectures of this Grand Chapter and report at our next annual convocation such amendments or correction as in their judgement may be necessary ; *provided* that the committee shall receive such compensation as the Grand Chapter shall determine.

The report on correspondence is by Comp.Wm. H. Mayo. As a sample of his style, we give the following from his review of Nebraska on creating new bodies :

“Put on the brakes, do not allow a few over-zealous Companions persuade you into launching into existence Masonic bodies that will be weak numerically and financially for a year or two and then die ; this is too often the case all through our growing Western States. Their records show that there are too many weak, sickly subordinate bodies created in order to please Bro. Smith or Comp Jones who wants to be W. M. or H. P., and hustles around searching the woods and scraping the prairies to get together a constitutional quorum, frequently the majority of whom are old fossils that never attend even church and who cannot or will not learn the work ; the result is a little more hustling by the aforesaid Bro. Smith or Comp. Jones after he gets his dispensation or charter, and some very bad timber

gets into our Fraternity in a slipshod careless kind of a manner, that, to say the least, is no credit to us. Our broad prairies and beautiful rolling hills are strewn with the carcasses of just such unwisely created subordinate bodies that have died a-borning."

M. E. Comp. Wm. B. Wilson (Cape Girardeau), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. Wm. H. Mayo (St. Louis), G. S.

NEBRASKA.

Twenty-second Convocation, Beatrice, Dec. 12, 1888.

M. E. Comp. Lucius D. Richards, G. H. P.

Their state has been blessed with an abundant harvest and the people are prosperous and happy. The order is at peace both at home and abroad and the Chapters enjoying a fair degree of prosperity. Three new Chapters were formed. Decisions were given as follows :—

"First Question.—Lincoln Chapter, No. 6, asks : A brother has been elected to receive the Chapter Degrees and presents himself for that purpose, when a companion enters an objection. How long does this objection hold good ?

Answer.—An objection has the same effect as a negative ballot and should be treated as such.

Second Question.—Came from Keystone Chapter, No. 2, asking whether a Royal Arch Mason who represents that he has a demit and has held it for seven years has a right to be admitted to Chapter meetings ?

Answer.—As I read our law a voluntary non-affiliate is in good standing, no matter how old his demit ; his visiting is by courtesy.

Our law says no person shall be permitted to sit in this Grand Chapter as a visitor without unanimous consent. The same law is good for subordinate Chapters.

Third Question.—Came from Gayle Chapter, No. 16, asking whether the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master could be conferred with a less number than nine Royal Arch Masons ?

Answer.—No.

This last decision created considerable discussion, and it was finally resolved to refer it to the Committee on Jurisprudence for consideration and report at the next convocation, and to submit an amendment to their law covering the case.

Hereafter a Standing Committee on Codification of the Law is to be annually appointed.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence. Numerous extracts are given from our proceedings for 1888.

In his notice of Iowa he says :—

“Without seeking further praise than that already so generously given to Nebraska, we mention his admiration for Nova Scotia, whose subordinate chapters had all made their annual returns and paid their dues and fees, “a record which is so rare to find in the proceedings of Grand Chapters as to make it worthy of notice and comment.” He makes us and every other Nebraska Freemason smile. For years almost without exception, each Nebraska lodge, chapter and commandery has earned a rebate-credit for prompt payment for all dues and fees at least a fortnight before the Grand Lodge, Chapter and Commandery opened. Once each year every account is balanced and the funds are where they ought to be. It's a simple plan, too, and without home pride we commend the “Nebraska Plan” to our fellow Grand Chapters.”

M. E. Comp. Charles A. Holmes, (Tecumseh), G. H. P.
R. E. Comp. William R. Bowen (Omaha), G. S.

NEVADA.

Fifteenth Convocation, Virginia City, June 11th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. Robert L. Fulton, G. H. P.

The opening paragraphs of his address bring before our mind's eye a delightful picture and make us wish to move to that happy land :

“The year has been singularly uneventful, and my labors as Grand High Priest have been light indeed. I have experienced none of the care, anxiety or fatigue that often accompany such honors. I have not been called upon for a single decision, dispensation or even ruling and the fact that every Chapter in the State, except one, has had work to do is evidence that this was not the result of torpor but rather proves that the subordinate Chapters of this Jurisdiction are in the hands of intelligent and capable Officers.

The truth is that in nine cases out of ten an appeal to the Grand Chapter or Grand Lodge would be unnecessary if it were not desired to make a departure from the well established rules and principles of the Order and when we know so well how desirable it is to preserve all the ancient landmarks unimpaired we feel that the efforts put forth by some subordinate bodies to obtain modifications of them reflect no credit upon those who so constantly make them.

During the year just closing I visited every working Chapter in this State and found the best of feeling every where. I found as high an appreciation and as intelligent an understanding of Royal Arch Masonry in Nevada as anywhere I have ever travelled, and I also found that, for the first time in many years, every Chapter in our Jurisdiction, except *Keystone*, which has had no meetings, had degrees to confer and that all were in excellent spirits and in good working trim. We have gained slightly in numbers and have every reason to be encouraged.

Vast in extent and rich in resources, our beloved State is answering the calumnies of ignorant foes with constantly increasing harvests, with a ceaseless stream of the precious metals flowing into the life current of the nation,

with more numerous and better homes and with a growing population. The slightest change of climate, and we believe we feel it coming, would instantly develop Nevada into a great agricultural State and whether that can be depended upon or not the energy of her people can be and her future is full of promise."

The following report was adopted

"We also recommend the adoption of a regulation by this Grand Chapter that non-affiliates residing within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, be required to pay an amount equal to the amount of dues charged by the Chapter in the Jurisdiction of which they are residing, and if they should fail or refuse to pay the same for three months, after being notified by the Secretary, the said non-affiliate shall be deprived of the right of visitation."

Comp. Frank Bell reports on correspondence in 17 pages. Our proceedings for 1887 are noticed.

M. E. Comp. Enoch Struther (Virginia City), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Chauncey N. Noteware, (Carson City), G. S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Seventieth Convocation. Concord, May 15th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. John Francis Webster, G. H. P.

Every Chapter in the State, with perhaps one exception, has funds in the treasury. The Grand Officers found an earnest endeavor on the part of all to work well not only in the ritual but in all the good works of true Masonry, of true and noble manhood. They visited a large number of Chapters and found them in a prosperous condition.

The fees to Grand Chapter are one dollar for every candidate exalted, and thirty-five cents for each member annually.

Any jurisdictional complications likely to arise along the border of Maine were disposed of by the passage of the following resolution, the Grand Chapter of Maine having passed a similar one :—

"*Resolved* That all Chapters working under this Grand Chapter, whose territorial jurisdiction borders upon the State of Maine, be advised and requested to grant, as a matter of course, permission to candidates living nearer to Chapters in Maine, to apply to such Chapters, unless the candidates are deemed unworthy."

Canada for 1887 receives a good notice at the hands of

Comp. A. S. Wait. On the suggestion of Comp. Brown, of Kansas, that the legal companions should give a matured opinion on the reception and effect of the record of conviction of crime in the civil courts, in a Masonic trial. Comp. Wait says :—

“ We think many cases have already arisen where such evidence has been offered, and the rulings have presented a large diversity of opinion. In some jurisdictions the record of conviction in the civil court has been held conclusive evidence of guilt in the Masonic trial ; in others it has been held *prima facie* evidence, but liable to be rebutted by counter evidence ; while a third holding has been, as with us, that such a record is mere hearsay, and not admissible at all as evidence tending to show the guilt of the accused. We think with Companion Brown, that it is greatly to be desired that such attention should be given to the subject as, if possible, to produce uniformity of practice among the several jurisdictions.”

Our practice has been to receive such record as *prima facie* evidence of guilt, but liable to be rebutted by counter evidence, and we think that is the proper method of procedure in such cases.

We fully agree with the following on the insurance question :—

“ We have never before heard that the law of the Masonic institution was to be interpreted by the convenience, or the policy of any class of beneficiary or insurance associations of modern times, wherever they may be located, or however they may appropriate to themselves the name Masonic ; nor do we propose to measure words in the manner of our disapproval of all attempts to fix upon them a masonic character, or to give them a standing in any sense Masonic. They are foreign to the institution and furnish no standpoint from which to judge of masonic law or masonic principle ; nor are they any criteria upon which any question of masonry can turn. We think it quite enough that these concerns are allowed to assume for advertising purposes the name of masonry, without assuming to be its exponents or the standards by which to judge of principles or to give direction to its practice.”

M. E. Comp. Harlan P. Goodrich (Lebanon), G. H. P.
R. E. Comp. George P. Cleaves (Concord), G. S.

NEW JERSEY.

Thirty-third Convocation, Trenton, May 8th, 1889.
M. E. Comp. Leonard L. Gear, G. H. P.

In the closing part of his address Comp. Gear says :

“ It has come to my knowledge, and with regret I communicate it to you, that in some of our subordinates little interest is evidenced in our

forms and ceremonies. The beautiful symbolism of our impressive and instructive degrees has been blotted out of the minds of those holding official positions, and the true Masonic method of conferring the degrees by conveying the act from the storehouse of memory direct to the candidate, has fallen into disuse.

My ideal of Masonry has ever been an exalted one ; and at all times and places the Grand Chapter and the subordinates should endeavor to advance toward perfection-by the most honorable means.

Is it surprising that, when informalities are indulged in, Chapters should be used merely as stepping-stones for higher degrees ; that Companions receiving degrees should fail to have any interest awakened or desire to attend the regular convocations to see degrees communicated or to elect officers to perpetuate or continue such irregularities.

Truly, my Companions, death is preferable to dishonor, and such Chapters had far better lapse into eternal dormancy and court oblivion than stoop to disreputable practices. In view of this condition of affairs, I strongly advise that the Grand Chapter take action tending to the discontinuance of this evil.

Companions, we should ever bear in mind that as Royal Arch Masons, we are to a certain extent, public servants, and as such our every thought, word and deed, public or private, should be above suspicion. Honesty and moral integrity in the position we occupy, as in our lives, should be distinguishing features, as a thorough appreciation of Capitular Masonry should be a prerequisite for a presiding officer of a Chapter. The busy tongue of slander, always ready and vigilant, should never have cause nor opportunity to use its venom in connection with our official acts or lives. Let us avoid all semblance of evil, and so act in the erection of our Masonic edifice, that we may be considered good, true and square work—just such work as is wanted for the building of the Temple, just such work as we need for positions of honor, trust and confidence in our subordinate and Grand Bodies.

Carefully, thoughtfully, intelligently interest yourselves in the well-being of your chapters ; prudently select for official positions those who not only realize the honor conferred, but the necessity of a thorough and practical appreciation of their responsibility, and, by precept and example, endeavour to impress upon their minds to mark well their course, for in this all honor lies."

On the same subject, the report of the Committee on Constitutions was adopted as follows :

"Your Committee on Constitutions respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matters referred to us by the Grand Chapter, and are of opinion that the esoteric ritual of the Capitular Degrees should, in all cases, be delivered from memory, and that all other means of rendering the same in the work of the Chapter are irregular ; and we therefore recommend the prohibition thereof."

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted, making residence in the State one of the necessary qualifications for office in the Grand Chapter.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. Henry Vehslage, and notices Canada for 1888.

M. E. Comp. Nathan V. Compton, (Rahway), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. George B. Edwards (Jersey City), G. S.

NEW YORK.

Ninety-second Convocation, Albany, Feb. 5th, 1889.

M. E. Comp. William Sherer, G. H. P.

These proceedings are embellished with handsome steel-engraved portraits of John W. Simons, G. H. P. in 1869 and 1870 ; John S. Perry, G. H. P. in 1855, and Arthur Boyce, Deputy G. H. P. in 1861 and 1862, all of whom died during the year 1888.

We have a melancholy satisfaction in adding our tribute of love and respect for so admirable a character as the late John W. Simons. We were privileged to meet with him on several occasions, and were much impressed with the charming gentleness of his manner and his exquisite kindness and cordiality. He was a fluent speaker and his addresses were models of beauty, of diction and clearness of perception. His writings have made him famous, and his love for the craft will cause him to be long regretted and his memory held in deepest reverence. Comp. Sherer, in his address, briefly sketches his Masonic career .

“ He was Grand Master of Knights Templar in 1855 and 1856, Grand Master of Masons in 1860, and Grand High Priest in 1869 and 1870. To attempt in this address to do justice to the career and fame of Comp. Simons would be to attempt an impossible task. As Grand Master of Masons he was unexcelled for good judgment and clear reasoning, and to him we are indebted more than to any other brother for wise and equitable decisions on many intricate and delicate questions affecting the government and well-being of the Craft. He served for many years as Chairman of the Committees on Foreign Correspondence in the Grand Lodge and the Grand Commandery of the State, and Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence in the Grand Chapter. It was always a pleasure to peruse the reports on correspondence submitted by him, and they are universally resorted to by Masonic students desirous of increasing their knowledge of the power and influence of the fraternity at home and abroad. As Grand High Priest he presided over the Grand Chapter with firmness and dignity. As Grand Commander of Knights Templar he left a record unequalled by any predecessor. As has been said, his life is a history of Freemasonry in this State, and it may be truthfully added, of the United States since 1850. His

labors in behalf of the projected Masonic hall and asylum, from its early incipency, were constant and arduous. In the performance of this self-imposed task he visited nearly every portion of the State and contributed freely of his wealth, health and strength for the furtherance of the cause.

The services which have been rendered to our beloved institution by our departed Companion were of a character to make his name familiar to Masons wheresoever dispersed about the globe. As a Masonic jurist, he left behind him no superior, either in the old world or the new. His mind, by nature one of the greatest force and vigor, had been enlarged, disciplined and enriched by profound study in many of the departments of literature and science. He was a scholar and a philosopher, and loving Masonry with an ardour which time was unable to diminish, he gave to the institution all the devotion of his earnest and honest nature, and all the wealth of a wide and various erudition.

By his death a brilliant star has been lost from the Masonic firmament.

On the announcement of his decease many testimonials to his kindness of heart, intellectual strength and usefulness as a Mason, appeared in the public prints.

In the private walks of life and in all his relations with his brethren, no man was more beloved. He was genial, sincere, affectionate, magnanimous. Ill-will towards any one had no place in his heart. As he lived so did he die—without an enemy.”

The following decisions appear to be sound :

“ Has an officer the right to leave the room while the degrees are being conferred, or at any other time, without asking or receiving permission, if not, what should the penalty be, if any ?

To which I replied :

At no time during a convocation has a companion a right to leave the room without the permission of the High Priest. In case of a subordinate officer being guilty of this breach of decorum, the High Priest would be justified in declaring the office vacant, and appointing a successor at once to fill the vacancy.

Should a Royal Arch Mason who holds a dimit from his Chapter be permitted to visit a sister Chapter ?

To which I replied :

That a companion holding a dimit may visit any chapter that is willing to extend the courtsey to him.

A brother has petitioned for degrees in our Chapter, and the petition has been referred to a committee in the usual manner, one member of the committee has reported favorably, and one unfavorably, the third member believing the objection is merely a personal one, claims the right to know what the objection is, that he may report intelligently. The two members of the committee who are favorable to the petitioner fail to find anything against his character, and I respectfully ask a reply to the following queries;

1st Two reports, one favorable and one adverse, were offered by the Secretary at our last convocation, and I referred them back to the committee, ruling that it required two members of the committee to agree ?

2nd. Is it not solely at my discretion as High Priest to continue the present committee or appoint a new one ?

3rd. Is the member of the committee who has not signed justified in claiming the right to know what the objection of the adverse member is, as he cannot elsewhere find anything against the candidate?

To which I replied :

1st. Although there is no regulation requiring unanimity on the part of the committee, and the report of the minority is entitled to respectful consideration, yet there should always be a majority report. It is contrary to all consistency to ask the Chapter to pass upon two reports of a committee, which are both minority reports. You are therefore perfectly right in referring the report back to the committee, and requiring an agreement of two of its members,

2nd. No, the committee having been regularly appointed and having entered upon the accomplishment of its duties cannot be discharged at the pleasure of the High Priest, and a new committee appointed. It is bound to present a report within a reasonable time, however. Failing to do so, the High Priest may then discharge the committee, giving as his reason the failure on the part of the committee to perform its duty.

3rd. The member of the committee who refuses to sign the report without a statement of the reasons of another member for reporting adversely cannot be justified in his course ; whatever may be the motive of the dissenting member he has an unquestionable right to report unfavorably upon the application without giving his reasons therefor. In regard to the second point I would say further that the single member who refuses to report may be removed for failure after a reasonable time has been given him in which to perform his duty."

The condition of the Chapters is most satisfactory, the attendance has been larger than usual, and a large amount of work accomplished. They have 186 Chapters and 15,366 members, an increase of 88.

The following resolutions were adopted :

“ Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized to make settlement with subordinate Chapters on dues in dispute through an apparent clerical error of the Secretary, as in the cases referred to in his report made at this annual convocation, on such basis as will not work injustice to the subordinate Chapter, nor material injury to the finances of the Grand Chapter.

Whereas, It is the sense of this Grand Chapter that suitable proficiency in degrees already conferred should be exhibited by neophytes before advancement, but being aware that circumstances may arise (such as candidates about to leave the jurisdiction) when a strict enforcement of the rule might operate injuriously, therefore

Resolved, That the subject be left to the good judgment of the High Priests of the several Chapters, fraternally requesting them to enforce proficiency whenever practicable so to do."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, in reporting on the decisions of the Grand High Priest, remark as to his first ruling that they have reason to understand that appointed officers

only are therein referred to, and that elected officers can only be removed upon charges preferred and trial had. And on the third decision they say :

“ To these conclusions of the Grand High Priest, your Committee yield their assent, except that they are of the opinion that the appointing power of Committees being lodged exclusively in the High Priest, (see Proceedings General Grand Chapter, 1871, page 33) his authority to discharge a committee and appoint a new one at any time in his discretion, is not to be questioned ; and the committee are also of the opinion, that the member of the Investigating Committee who has signed a minority report, cannot be required to disclose his reasons. If they are sufficient, in his own mind, to justify him in reporting adversely, they ought to be sufficient to justify him in casting an unfavorable ballot, and to require him to make such reasons public, would in effect deprive his vote of the secrecy to which it is entitled. Moreover, in making his investigation of the character of the petitioner, the grounds for his unfavorable report may have been communicated to him in confidence, and for that reason he should not be required to disclose them.”

The report on correspondence by Comp. Darius A. Ogden, is, as usual, very interesting and instructive. Canada for 1888 receives kindly mention, extracts are given from several of our reports, and reference is made to Comp. Seymour, so widely known on that side of the great lakes. He fully approves of our action in Australia. In the conclusion of his report, he says :

“ In this great jurisdiction, now undisturbed by schism or dissension, Freemasonry is about to enter upon a new but most appropriate field of operation, one which will lift it yet higher in public esteem, and endear it yet more to the Fraternity in all its branches throughout the Empire State, and all the States as well. The Masonic Temple, a magnificent monument of the liberality of the Masons of New York, is virtually out of debt, and stands free to contribute its rents, which will realize a large sum annually, as a perpetual endowment for an asylum or asylums, and for homes for the indigent widows of Masons, and for the education of their orphan children, fitting them for self support and honorable citizenship. It is the consummation of a glorious enterprize, having its inception many years ago, and, we think, in the Grand Chapter, but mainly moved forward to completion with the assistance of all branches of the fraternity, by the Grand Lodge of the State, which after all, is the solid rock upon which all rest upon a safe and secure base. The Temple now stands in the centre of the great Metropolitan City of the continent, a home and meeting place for its Masons numbered by the thousands, full of wealth enterprise, and intelligence, and out from which will go forth an annual and an ample stipend to support and make comfortable the widows and to educate the orphans of Masons within the State, and thus it becomes the crowning glory of Freemasonry in the State of New York. This great Temple, free from incumbrance, and with its great revenue forming an endowment fund sure and ample, when all the arrangements for asylums are completed, will remain a perpetual blessing to the helpless widows and orphans of deceased Masons in all parts of the

State. When all the arrangements are made and the appliances, lands and tenements are secured, we are confident that the endowment fund, viz., the receipts from the Temple and from other sources will be ample for the maintenance and support of the 'great and glorious enterprize,' for it will be born in mind that the poor and needy of the Masonic Fraternity are not numerous, for Masonry draws its material largely from the middle, industrious and well-to-do classes, and is not made up of the class from whence spring poverty and want, and hence their helpless widows and needy orphans are comparatively, less in number, than from any other class of general society. Yet, Masons, temperate, careful and respectable as they are or may be, are not above misfortunes, nor the common liability to the mishaps which come to the best, and are liable to fall upon all; but come what may, the endowment provided by the Temple will amply provide for all our poor and needy widows and orphans, when the whole plan and system is in complete running order, which will be in the near future."

M. E. Comp. Richard H. Parker (Syracuse), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Christopher G. Fox (Buffalo), G. S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Fortieth Convocation, Goldsboro, May 15th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. George H. Bell, G. H. P.

Nine Chapters represented out of fifteen.

In the address of the Grand High Priest we find encouragement to hope that better times are in store for our Companions in North Carolina. In some of the larger towns and cities, Chapters have been allowed to become dormant, but the spirit of activity is rising :

"In the western part of the State Capitular Masonry is more prosperous than it has been for years. This state of affairs, I think, is growing almost everywhere in the State where Royal Arch Masonry has been planted. I believe the cause of this renewed energy to be the removal of the Cryptic degrees, and giving them back to the proper authority. At first I may have had some misgivings as to the *expediency*, but the result has more than justified the action. Not taking into consideration the right of jurisdiction over these degrees, the greatest argument is that, as we all know, the real *labor* and *working knowledge* of Royal Arch Masonry of every Chapter in this State is confined to the few."

We regret to notice that Comp. James Southgate is in feeble health, and he was excused from preparing the report on correspondence for the past year. We hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

A special committee was appointed to consider the advisability of holding biennial sessions and to report at next convo-

cation. We are strongly of opinion that annual sessions are especially desirable in small or weak bodies.

M. E. Comp. George H. Bell (Bell), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Donald W. Bain (Raleigh), G. S.

OHIO.

Seventy-first Convocation, Steubenville, October 5th, 1887.

M. E. Comp. Jacob L'H. Long, G. H. P.

He congratulates the Companions upon the interest exhibited by the various Chapters as shown by the large ratio of increase in their membership. New Brunswick was recognized.

One new Chapter received a dispensation.

Comp. Graff M. Acklin says that the proceedings of Canada are among the most complete of any coming to his notice. He received them within thirty days after the meeting and compliments our Grand Scribe E. therefor. On Craft Masonry, he says :

“ The Chapter, Council and Commandery are all comparatively modern institutions, and we do not hesitate to express our belief that it would have been better for Masonry had they never been brought into existence ; but they now form part of the great Masonic system of the United States, and thus far have worked in perfect harmony with each other, and will, doubtless, continue to do so for all time to come as at present organized. The Lodge is the basis upon which all the other bodies are founded, and without its support their existence would be ephemeral. It is the prestige given them by their connection with the ancient Craft Masonry, and their authorized and presumptuous pretention to be higher degrees of that ancient and honorable fraternity that sustains and gives vitality to their organization.”

M. E. Comp. Wm. B. Hillman (Cleveland), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Emmet V. Rhoads (St. Paris), G. S.

OREGON.

Twenty-eighth Convocation, June 11th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. R. F. Gibbons, G. H. P.

General prosperity has attended the Royal Craft.

A Grand Lecturer was appointed to visit every Chapter and instruct them in the ritual and remain with them until the officers, at least, are proficient in the work. He is to be allowed his travelling expences and four dollars per day when

actually employed, and if more than two days are required for any Chapter, then the Chapter is to pay him for the extra time.

New Brunswick was recognized.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. T. McF. Patton. He thus expatiates on the aspect of their beautiful country in March :

“In our own loved Oregon all nature is clothed in spring attire. Our maples are in blossom and leaf ; our gardens have been made ; peas, onions, lettuce, turnips, cabbage, are well advanced. Our lawns have been mowed. The cherry, peach plum, and apple trees are loaded with bloom. The daffodils, hyacinths, crocus and pansies are in their glory. Our tables are supplied with lettuce, onions, asparagus and pie-plant, grown in the open ground. The water cart passes our door every few moments sprinkling the streets. Our doors are open, and the balmy air with bright sunshine gladdens every heart.

Such, my companions, is the condition of things in this truly favored land of ours. It is indeed a land of peace and plenty—of beauty and grandeur. Our lofty mountain peaks and fertile valleys are the admiration of all. Some of us have enjoyed this goodly land for lo ! these many years. We were satisfied when we tramped across the plains, over and through the hot sands, sage brush and cactus plants, gathering by the wayside as we journeyed on, our daily supply of ‘buffalo chips’ for fuel that we would eventually enter into the ‘promised land,’ a land literally ‘flowing with milk and honey,’ and we were not dissappointed.”

Canada for 1887 receives a good notice.

We are heartily glad to have the opportunity to congratulate Comp. Patton on his elevation to the most important office of Grand High Priest. No better selection could have been made. His address is Salem.

R. E. Comp. R. P. Earhart (Portland), G. S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

At a quarterly meeting held on June 7th, 1888, the following resolutions contained in the report of the Committee on Work and Jurisprudence, were received and adopted :

“*Resolved*, That in a case where one chapter states under seal (see Section 112, Constitution Grand Chapter), that there is a Masonic objection to another Chapter receiving the petition of an applicant residing within its jurisdiction, that said objecting Chapter cannot receive a petition from the applicant until said objection is first removed by a majority *viva voce* vote.

Resolved, That when the objecting Chapter has removed the Masonic objection, it must immediately notify the inquiring chapter, under seal, of the action taken.

Your Committee deem it but proper to say at this time that the Grand

Chapter, by its Constitution, and decisions of its Grand High Priests, has time and again decided that no Chapter can claim sole jurisdiction of any candidate. That a candidate is at liberty to apply to any Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and that the inquiry as to Masonic objection to a Chapter receiving the petition, is one merely as to his being *under the tongue of good Masonic report*, and as to his character as a man and a Mason. That is the only thing to be considered when the Chapter is acting upon the inquiry, and if a Masonic objection is voted, it casts a stain upon the candidate's character and places him 'not under the tongue of good Masonic report.'

A Chapter objecting on jurisdiction only, acts contrary to the Constitution and decisions of Grand Chapter."

From this it appears that a candidate may apply to any Chapter in the State and that Chapters have not exclusive jurisdiction over the material residing in their neighborhood. In this respect Pennsylvania follows the European practice, but in the other American jurisdictions the rule is almost universal the other way. We think that our portals cannot be too closely guarded, and that there is a danger of the acceptance of unworthy material, where candidates are allowed to apply elsewhere than where they reside and where they are, presumably, best known.

Resolutions were passed recording the high esteem and reverence of the Grand Chapter for the memory of Comp. Edward Masson, who served as Grand Marshall for a period of twenty-two years.

The annual Convocation was held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1888.

M. E. Comp. Matthias H. Henderson, G. H. P.

He formed three new Chapters.

He discloses an interesting case of discipline, showing with what measure of justice "the black-balling fiend" is righteously treated in the Keystone State :

"In my last address I alluded to an occurrence in one of our Chapters and my action thereon. An applicant for the degrees had been rejected, which so incensed one of his friends that he angrily declared 'it would be a long time before anyone else received the degrees in that Chapter.' When these facts came to my knowledge, I directed the District Deputy Grand High Priest to visit the Chapter, and if he found everything to be as represented, to instruct the High Priest to have charges brought against the Companion

for un-Masonic conduct, and if they were sustained by a fair trial to expell him. He did so and finding sufficient ground for the charges they were preferred. This is as far as the matter has progressed at the date of my last address, and it may interest the Grand Chapter to hear the final result. When the offending Companion was notified of the action of the Chapter, he offered to retract everything he had said in the heat of passion that would prove detrimental to the interests of the Chapter. The Chapter voted to accept the retraction, permitted the charges to be withdrawn, and reported their action to me. I immediately notified them that their proceedings were unwarranted and unsatisfactory to me, reversed their action, and directed the charges to stand as they were originally preferred. At this stage of the case I informed the Chapter that by reason of his retraction I would permit them to withdraw the charges, provided the Companion would tender his resignation, which would relieve him, in a measure, from the punishment due to his conduct. If he refused to resign I directed them to proceed with the charges. He accepted the alternative and agreed to resign. The charges were withdrawn, his resignation was tendered and accepted, and I prohibited the Chapter from receiving a petition for membership from him at any time in the future.

The correspondence in this case was voluminous and protracted, and in its details would be tiresome to the Grand Chapter. The above are the main points, which I think best to present to you as one of my official acts. A knowledge of them may also prevent some one else from committing the indiscretion which cost this Companion his membership."

Comp. Henderson thinks that the word "subordinate" as applied to Chapters is a misnomer and that it should be constituent.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. Samuel Harper, and it is with deep regret that we learn that since the meeting of Grand Chapter he has been called to the "great beyond." He was an able writer, of a loving and kindly disposition, an earnest craftsman, and we sympathize with our Companions in the great loss they have sustained.

Canada for 1888 is reviewed at length.

M. E. Comp. James S. Barber, G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Charles E. Meyer, G. S.

Official address, Masonic Temple, Broad St., Philadelphia.

QUEBEC.

Twelfth Convocation, Montreal, Jan. 29th, 1889.

M. E. Comp. Will H. Whyte, G. H. P.

He refused to organize a new Chapter which desired to use the American work. No questions were submitted for his

decision. The past year has been one of peace and quietness. They have not materially increased in membership. On foreign relations, he says :

“ In the various reports received during the year from sister jurisdictions peace and harmony exists in the capitular world. This Grand Chapter is in the same friendly and fraternal relations with all, with the exception of the Grand Chapter and Grand Mark Lodge of England. The position of affairs between those English Grand Bodies and the Grand Chapter of Quebec has not changed since last we met, nor have I anything official to report on the subject.

At the last communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, that Grand Body offered its fraternal services as mediator between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and England. That success may attend its laudable efforts will be the prayer of all earnest lovers of peace and concord. It is within the range of possibility that an adjustment of the difficulties between these two Grand Lodges may lead to a desire for settlement of the difficulties in Capitular Masonry. Should anything therefore arise in this direction in the near future, your presiding officer for the coming year will no doubt take such action as may be requisite and advisable.”

A report of the special committee on ritual, containing a ceremony for opening and closing the Grand Chapter was adopted.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. E. T. D. Chambers. In his introduction he says :

“ Our sister Grand Chapter of New Brunswick has been recognized, we are glad to see, almost all along the line.

The total number of active Royal Arch Masons in the United States and Canada approximates 150,000, an increase of somewhat over 5,000 during the year. This total would undoubtedly be much larger but for a slight retrograde movement in some of the Southern States. This condition of affairs will doubtless be changed by the anticipated return of southern prosperity.

If there has been less of noteworthy incident and more of restful quiet in the past year's history of Capitular Masonry, it is not safe to set it down as the quiet of inactivity. A careful inspection of the reports of the several Grand Chapters leaves no doubt that there has been in many cases a steady and healthful progress of the Royal Craft, and in quietness and in confidence there is promise of strength.

Several Grand Chapters have legislated against Cerneauism, some because it has invaded their own jurisdictions. It is alleged that it seeks to enforce its claims to the right of conferring the symbolical and capitular degrees. We have neither seen or heard of its existence in our own jurisdiction. But several Grand Chapters have lent us their sympathy and support in our jurisdictional difficulty, and should the time ever come that Cerneauism is represented to us as invading the rights of a sister Grand Chapter, we shall be ready to buckle on our armour. We believe that other foundation in Masonry than has been built can no man build, be he Cerneauite or any other “ ite.”

One thought more. The Royal Arch is erected upon the foundation of symbolical masonry. Upon the stability of the latter must the ultimate success of the former depend. While we continue, with songs of praise and of joy, to assemble around the cope-stone and assist in the completion of the Arch, let us not fail in our primary duty to the Craft, or tend to lessen the solidification of its foundation, by withdrawing from it, or any excuse whatever, no matter however unimportant a block we may imagine ourselves to be."

Canada for 1888 receives due attention. After recounting our action in Australia, he says :

"The Brethren and Companions of Quebec having such deep cause to mourn the failure of all past efforts to assimilate the views of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England, on the subject of Masonic jurisdiction and government, to those of American and Colonial Grand Bodies, will learn with sincere regret of this new element of discord between such important and influential Grand Chapters as those of England and Canada, and amongst the members of the Royal Craft in the sister colony of Victoria. May universal peace succeed to strife as darkness is followed by light !"

M. E. Comp. Will H. Whyte was recommended by the Grand Chapter for appointment as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

M. E. Comp. Will H. Whyte (Montreal), Grand Z.

R. E. Comp. Joseph Mitchell (Montreal) Grand Scribe E.

RHODE ISLAND.

Ninetieth convocation, March 13th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. George M. Carpenter, G. H. P.

Five Chapters represented out of ten.

The Grand High Priest reports all the Chapters in good condition. He had no occasion to make any decisions.

The proceedings are very brief and call for no special comment.

M. E. Comp. George M. Carpenter (Providence), G.H.P.

R. E. Comp. William R. Greene (Providence), G. S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Seventy-eighth convocation, Charleston, Feb. 12th, 1889.
M. E. Comp. Morris Clark, G.H.P.

He reports a prosperous year. He reorganized five dormant Chapters with an excellent membership and he personally exalted 43 Master Masons to the Royal Arch. He decided that nine members of the Chapter were necessary to form a quorum. In his conclusion he says :

“My attention has frequently been called to the flourishing condition of the numerous beneficiary organizations, that are continually springing up all over the country, and which, it cannot be denied, are sucking the life blood out of Masonry. The high aims and principles of our Order should be sufficient to hold together and add to our numbers, but when we consider that we are numerically not as strong to-day as we were in ‘days of old,’ before the existence of these societies, would we not, in the light of past experience, be justified in adding some other features to our Order, such as sick and funeral benefits and death benefits, either one or more of these as you may see proper? I submit this matter for your earnest consideration, and let us, if we can see our way clear for so-doing, add some feature whereby we can promise some benefits to a companion, should he be stricken by disease or death.”

The committee on the address were not prepared to recommend any action on this suggestion.

M. E. Comp. A. H. White (Rock Hill), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. J. E. Burke (Charleston), G. S.

TENNESSEE.

Fifty-ninth convocation, Nashville, January 23.d, 1888.

M. E. Comp. William R. Shaver, G. H. P.

He formed two new Chapters.

He made a number of official visits and found the condition of the Chapters very satisfactory.

Several Chapters have received new life and have gone to work with encouraging prospects before them.

On motion, the dues to their Chapters, of all members of defunct Chapters who may affiliate within the ensuing twelve months, were remitted.

One hundred dollars was voted to the Masonic Library Association of Nashville.

M. E. Comp. Lewis R. Eastman (Nashville), G.H.P.
R. E. Comp. John Frizzell (Nashville), G. S.

TEXAS.

Thirty-eighth convocation, Houston, Dec. 13th, 1887.
M. E. Comp. W. L. Sartwell, G. H. P.

In his introductory remarks he says :

“Peace, prosperity, progress, freedom from pestilence, and supremacy of law and order are leading features in the history of the year just past.

Among the agencies and instrumentalities actively at work for the improvement and elevation of the human race, for the amelioration of human suffering, for deeply rooting in the human heart principals that are in harmony with truth, justice, mercy, in fine, with God, Freemasonry occupies an important position, and utters no uncertain sound.

And Companions, in their warfare against evil for the good and true, in their refining, ennobling, elevating influences, the Lodge and Chapter have advantages, that would be felt and appreciated in every community in which they exist, if every Lodge and Chapter would scan well the material that proposes to enter their portals. I rejoice that I have good reasons for believing that Royal Arch Masonry is prospering in this jurisdiction.

Five new Chapters have been organized under very favorable auspices, and many dormant Chapters have awakened to new life.”

Comp. Henry Scherffius, as representative of Canada and Florida, tendered the kind and friendly greetings of the two Grand Chapters in a few appropriate remarks.

A resolution to prohibit the installation of a High Priest unless he is properly qualified to confer all the Chapter degrees, was proposed, but was not adopted, as the committee say it would be *too radical a change*. (Italics ours).

The following resolutions were adopted :

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary furnish a place properly placarded within the Temple, for meeting of the committees of this Grand Chapter, and that it shall be the duty of the several committees to either meet at such designated places, or leave such definite instructions of such places as will enable any member of this Grand Chapter to find them.”

“*Resolved*, That dual membership in Royal Arch Chapters under the jurisdiction of this M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter, is hereby prohibited. That all petitions for dispensations for new Chapters shall be accompanied by the dimits of the applicants or a certificate that he is a member of some

regular Chapter, and the constitution of the new Chapter shall operate as a dimitt."

"*Resolved*, That such Royal Arch Masons as now have dual membership, be and they are hereby required to select the chapter in which he will keep his membership, and take a dismissal from the other Chapter, stating the fact that he is dismissed from said Chapter by reason of his having his membership in the Chapter named."

Comp. J. C. Kidd has an excellent report on correspondence, and proves himself a worthy successor of Comp. Elgin. He thus opens :

"For the past four years our Proceedings have gone out without a report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Comp. R. M. ELGIN, the Chairman of the Committee, being Chairman of the Standing Committee on Grievances and Appeals, of the Grand Lodge of Texas ; one of the 'pillars' of the Episcopal Church ; the General Land Commissioner of one of the largest real estate owners in the State—the Houston & Texas Central Railway Company—as well as one whom everybody, both in and out of the fraternity, feel authorized to call on for advice and assistance, (and they never go without receiving it), was not able to find the time necessary to write the reports. How much this has been regretted, none can tell until they read the Correspondence from other jurisdictions and undertake to write a report for this one.

During these years the 'Royal Arch' has pursued the even tenor of its way. In our own country 'peace and harmony' reign. The 'Quebec question' is still unsettled. The positions of the various Grand Jurisdictions will be found under the review of Quebec.

Some of the old time members of the 'Guild' have 'passed over the river ;' others have found the demands of business prevent their wielding a reviewing pen. Comp. DRUMMOND, of Maine, however, still 'instructs' we youngsters, when we attempt to define the status of a Companion 'dropped from the rolls,' or air our ignorance about 'Land Marks.' Comp. PARISH, of Iowa, still believes that one leg is entirely sufficient with which to travel the 'rough and rugged road.' Comp. CASWELL, of California, as of old, pictures the beauties of the Pacific Slope, and thinks the West is the only place in which a young man can properly grow up with the country, while Comps. PILLAN, of Alabama, and PEARSON, of Minnesota, respectively, keep up the Gulf and Lake ends of the country."

He is a believer in the "air-line" rule.

"And we say, a simple waiver of jurisdiction would cover the case ; it would seldom, or never, be refused ; it would cover the jurisdiction question, which has its foundation upon something broader than 'convenience to the applicant,' and then 'all would be peace und shoy und happiness,' as our Teutonic friend would remark. Although Comp. TWOMEY made the decision above given, the practice in this State, based on the action of the Grand Lodge, has been to observe the air line. If a man lives fifteen miles from a country Lodge, where the fees are the minimum fixed by the Grand Body, and the dues are small, and twelve miles from a town where the fees are higher, and the dues also, it is astonishing how much more readily the fifteen miles becomes the 'nearest travelled road.'"

He thinks that it makes no difference whether the Past Master's degree is conferred in the Chapter or by dispensation in the Lodge, that both are for the same purpose.

Canada for 1887 receives due attention.

M. E. Comp. John Adriance (Columbia), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Robert Brewster (Houston), G. S.

1888.

Thirty-ninth convocation, Dec. 11th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. John Adriance, G. H. P.

In his address he says :

“It is a subject of congratulation that peace and harmony prevail in our subordinates and that they are working more nearly a uniform work than ever before. I note with much pleasure the increasing interest that is manifested in the annual exemplifications and lectures by the Committee of Work of this Grand Chapter. Every Subordinate Chapter should be ably represented at these meetings and see how the work is performed, and try to excel, if possible, the Companions who exemplify the work in this place. I would call the attention of Chapters to the fact that they cannot exercise too much care in the selection of Companions to preside over them. They should elect none but men who will keep themselves well versed in the work and will strictly adhere to the ancient forms and ceremonies adopted by this Grand Chapter.”

Two new Chapters were formed and two others had their charters restored.

Com. J. C. Kidd again reports on correspondence. We make the following extracts :

“We differ with him on the matter of dues being purely a question of the ‘almighty dollar.’ To ‘relieve the needy and feed the hungry’ is as much the command now as ever it was, and however much we may regret it, Lodges cannot be maintained and their duty towards carrying out this command done, without dues, and the large majority who pay are entitled to as much consideration as the minority who do not either ‘pay dues or show cause for not paying.’ While almost all agree to this, the rock upon which we split is the penalty, and that we all will never get together upon. Fevers in one part of the country require different treatment from fevers in another part, and fortunate is the State that adopts a treatment under which it ‘multiplies largely and is happy.’” * * *

“We think one trouble about the non-affiliate is, that he thinks the Lodge and members generally ought to feel as much bound to aid him as ever they were, while at the same time he shirks all responsibilities himself. This trait we doubt not has made some jurisdictions act as if determined that if one “was determined to drink,” he should stay by the water and

help fill the bucket ; or if "the bird could sing and couldn't be made to sing," he should anyhow help pay the organist. (These references may be a little mixed, but the guilty parties can understand them.)

Our Grand Lodge leaves it with the Master of the Lodge whether to bury a non-affiliate or not, and humanity, or sentiment, for the dead always takes precedence of strict justice toward the living. (Theoretically we can think as above, but we must confess, as Master of our Lodge, we acted the other way."

M. E. Comp. R. M. Harkness (Pearshall), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Robert Brewster (Houston), G. S.

These proceedings are neatly and substantially bound in good shape for preservation. This example is worthy of imitation.

VERMONT.

Seventy-first convocation, Burlington, June 15th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. Marsh O. Perkins, G. H. P.

On their condition, he says :

"We have reason to rejoice because of the prosperous condition of the Royal craft in our beloved state, evidenced in so many ways. Peace and harmony have characterized the labors of the Companions busily engaged in rebuilding City and Temple. A renewed and awakening interest in the work and well-being of the Order has been manifested in many quarters. A gratifying increase in membership has been reported by a majority of the subordinate Chapters. Dormant Chapters have aroused from their lethargy, and their Companions are again joyously removing the rubbish, and bringing up work for inspection. Other Chapters at rest for a brief time are already preparing for renewed labor, and there is full promise that the year upon which we are entering will further mark the continuance and development of the great work in which we are engaged."

All commissions of representatives of Vermont shall expire in 1889 and all commissions thereafter issued shall expire with the close of the triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter next following the date of issue.

A committee was appointed to co-operate with the other Grand Bodies in the presentation of a suitable tablet to be placed in the "lookout chamber" of the Bennington battle monument. Why for do they want to commemorate a battle? Is there anything peculiarly Masonic about it?

Comp. Frederick S. Fisher reports on correspondence and notices Canada for 1887.

M. E. Comp. Marsh O. Perkins (Windsor), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Warren G. Reynolds (Burlington), G. S.

VIRGINIA.

Eighty-first convocation, Danville, October 30th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. Sylvanus J. Quinn, G. H. P.

On their work, he says :

“The Grand Lecturer will make his report in due time. I am satisfied it will demonstrate the wisdom of the action of the Grand Chapter last year in making provision for the travelling expenses and per diem of the Grand Lecturer and sending him out to instruct the Chapters. While I am not fully informed as to the extent of the labors and success of the Grand Lecturer in his visitations and instruction, I know enough to state that much good has been accomplished, and that some of the Chapters that were almost lifeless and others very apathetic are greatly revived and now give promise of activity and thrift. And I may ask if this much has been accomplished in one year, what may we not hope for in years to come if we shall continue this provision?

The Grand Chapter is to be congratulated upon having secured the services of a Companion so well qualified to fill the office of Grand Lecturer as Most Excellent Companion W. H. H. Lynn, and we feel satisfied that with his extensive information, Masonic zeal, efficiency in the work and aptness to teach, that in a short time the Subordinate Chapters will be thoroughly instructed and new life infused into them. I verily believe that this is the remedy for the apathy existing in our Subordinate Chapters complained of by some of my predecessors. If so, let the remedy be applied ; let the officers of the Chapters get the work of the Grand Chapter, make their Chapter-rooms attractive and their meetings interesting and instructive, then apathy and inactivity will disappear and there will be left no room for the Masonic laggard and drone.”

The remedy for an apathetic condition of a Chapter lies very largely in the hands of the officers of the Chapter themselves. If they would only exert themselves to make the meetings interesting by some Masonic reading or teaching on the history, symbolism or objects of the Order, the members would attend and the work would go forward. There are hosts of subjects in Masonry that the Companions would be glad to hear about and the officers should make it their business to provide some such entertainment.

The Grand Lecturer says :

“From the letters received from the different Chapters visited, after my return home, I feel free in saying that the amount has been well expended, and that there is a degree of interest and enthusiasm in the work, a greater uniformity and more life and vigor in the Chapters in the State than existed before—certainly than ever existed in my knowledge.”

Canada for 1888 is thus noticed :

“The zeal, ability of, and the labors performed by the Grand Superintendents, corresponding with our Disiriet Deputy Grand Lecturers, deserve every commendation. Their labors appear to have been abundant in and out of season. Ten out of twelve, appointed in 1887, made full detailed reports of the membership of the Chapters assigned to their care; the average attendance of members; degrees conferred; number of meetings held; the condition of the books of the Secretaries and Treasurers; the number of members in arrears for dues, and the amount; the value of property owned by each Chapter and insurance, if any, thereon. Taking them ‘by and large’ we think the example set by our Canadian Companions worthy of consideration and imitation. It appears that several Superintendants hold Chapters of Instruction. The Committee on the ‘Condition of Capitalar Masonry’ deservedly compliment the one in charge of ‘Toronto District.’

And we make our best bow for this :

“Companion Henry Robertson sends forth his twenty-first report on Foreign Correspondence. He has, in that line of service, reached his majority. Time has dealt lightly with him. We have followed him in his annual contributions to Masonic literature through all these years, and find him the courteous, vigorous and sensible writer that his early years gave promise.”

We fully agree with the following :

“We have long been convinced of the injustice perpetrated on a candidate by means of an ‘objection’ after a fair ballot. True, there must be a ‘safety valve’ for the use of a Companion who is *unavoidably* absent when it is taken, or who subsequently learns something detrimental to the character of the candidate; but the objection should not, in our opinion, be perpetual, as it is in many jurisdictions; rather it should terminate in its effects on the candidate at the end of the period of time prescribed for a new petition under a negative ballot.”

On the prerogatives of the Grand High Priest, the conclusion is arrived at that he is the Grand Chapter during recess and possesses all its powers and privileges and prerogatives :

“In *our* opinion an independent Masonic Grand Body is *not* like any other form of government on God’s foot-stool. True, it has the three ‘essential attributes’ assigned to it by Companion Varnum—to-wit : making laws, deciding on violations, and executing and enforcing its decisions. We are writing of an ‘independent body’—that is, a body which has no superior, and from whose action there is no appeal. It elects a presiding officer, and delegates to him, and him alone, powers, during recess, if not

making laws, but deciding all questions that may arise, and executing and enforcing, as his judgment may dictate, all existing laws. He can grant or withhold dispensations of a general or special character. He can suspend, which for the time being is tantamount to a revocation, a charter, the dearest instrument to a subordinate. In fine, he can do *what he pleases*, and during recess there is *no* restraining power."

The veteran Grand Secretary, Comp. William B. Isaacs, has been honored for twenty-three times with the appointment as chairman of the Committee on Correspondence and his heart is full of fraternal love for all his colleagues.

M. E. Comp. William H. Pleasants (Hollins), G. H. P.
R. E. Comp. William. B. Isaacs (Richmond), G. S.

WASHINGTON.

Fourth Convocation, Port Townsend, June 11th 1888.

M. E. Comp. Walter J. Thompson, G. H. P.

He visited the Chapters in the western part of the territory and reports all in a harmonious and prosperous condition. An English Royal Arch Mason was refused admission :

"MY DEAR SIR AND COMPANION :—Your action in refusing admission to a visitor claiming to have received the Royal Arch degree and to be a Royal Arch Mason, yet not having received the Mark, Past and Most excellent Masters degrees, is approved.

Whatever may be the practice of Masons in England or other countries, regarding either the order of receiving or the necessity of having the M. P., and M. E. degrees to be entitled to the full privileges of a R. A. Mason in this jurisdiction, they are absolutely essential in the order named and preceeding the R. A. degree.

Sec. 14 of the by-laws of this Grand Chapter says—' Each applicant for advancement must possess knowledge of the preceding degrees to make himself well known.' And this should be required of a visitor as well as a candidate.

Sec. 9 is perfectly clear : ' No Royal Arch Mason shall be admitted into a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons under this jurisdiction as a member or visitor, unless he shall have received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master.' This is clear and includes persons not only of foreign jurisdictions, in this country, but of jurisdictions beyond the seas, whatever may be their rules or practice."

We get over that difficulty by admitting such Companions when the Chapter is open in the Royal Arch degree, but not in the intermediate degrees. If such a one affiliates with us, he

is given the intermediate degrees free of charge. Our constitutional provision is as follows—they can adopt a similar one: “When any Companion from without the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada presents himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produces satisfactory proof of his having been exalted to that degree, each and every Chapter shall have liberty to, and may confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master on such Companions who have not heretofore received them, free of charge, except a fee to Grand Chapter for registry and certificate.”

The following resolution was adopted :

“WHEREAS, The Cryptic degrees of Masonry have been neglected in this jurisdiction; and their neglect is now becoming the subject of much discussion amongst Capitular Masons; therefore,

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Grand Chapter, the Cryptic degrees belonging to the Council, *as a separate body*; and that the prosperity of our Royal craft will be best promoted by recommending to those R. A. Masons who may desire said degrees, the formation of Councils at convenient places within this Grand Jurisdiction.”

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence and notices our proceedings for 1887. On “Cerneauism” this is how it appears to our confrere on the Pacific slope :

“We believe that our feelings and sympathies are in full accord with those of Comp. GRANT as indicated in the foregoing. The statement he presents of those warring factions is nor perhaps an overdrawn picture, and the facts are most lamentable. But how is it to be stopped? This is the great and absorbing question. Comp. GRANT is now of the opinion that every governing body of the York Rite ought to declare what bodies or degrees are to be recognized by it. This looks fair upon a casual glance at the subject, but such a conclusion in our opinion is far reaching in its significance and possible results. We have maintained, and are inclined to that opinion still—though we do have the good sense sometimes to change our views—that, *legally*, no Grand Masonic body of any rite can step without the pale of its constitutional authority and dominating control (except as an arbitrator, so chosen and agreed upon), and decide questions of difference, of primal legitimacy or otherwise, which pertain to others wholly distinct. Nor is it good *policy* to do so. Concede the right and power of one Grand body to do this and the concession must be to all. Here, then, would be no end to possible—nay, probable difficulties—and as many different decisions might, perhaps, follow as there are contending parties. We confess being unable to see any better solution of this question at present than to leave to each Masonic rite the sole control of its own internal affairs, while they do no attempt to usurp authority over, or interfere with, our own vested rights. In other words a Grand body of York Rite has no business to jump into the boiling caldron of its Scottish Rite neighbours, and scatter the burning oil of dissension and bitter strife among its own members.”

M. E. Comp. Wm. A. Fairweather (Sprague), G. H. P.
R. E. Comp. Thomas M. Reed (Olympia), G. S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Seventeenth Convocation, Charleston, Nov. 14, 1887.

M. E. Comp. William G. Bennett, G. H. P.

He congratulates the Companions upon the awakening interest and zeal which is manifesting itself in this jurisdiction. He thinks a candidate should not be advanced until he has passed an examination in the former degrees.

One new Chapter was formed.

Eighteenth convocation, Parkersburg, Nov. 12th, 1888.

M. E. Comp. Joseph Hall, G. H. P.

On work, he says:

"I desire to call the attention of the Grand Chapter to an apparent amount of over zeal as exhibited by many Companions of the Subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction towards aspirants the conferring of the R. A. * * * * * as all the facts relative to the subject were fully presented to this Grand Chapter. I trust that the Companions who are present now, will take the trouble to inform their respective Chapters as to the action of this Grand Chapter relative to the above subject.

On June 27th, a letter was handed me by the Grand Secretary, from a Companion, who is High Priest to a Chapter in this State, desiring me to appoint a committee to meet the Grand Lecturer of Virginia, review the work with him and exemplify the same before this Grand Chapter during this Grand Convocation. I answered the Companion in this wise. Your desire to have the work in a condition that it could be correctly communicated is all right, but we must not lose sight of the fact that the work as taught by the Grand Lecturer of West Virginia, and which has been handed down to him by his predecessors, is the work that has been adopted by this Grand Chapter, and can only be changed by that body when in Grand Convocation assembled, therefore, as the work as adopted is an edict of this Grand Chapter. It is not within the power of the Grand High Priest to grant your request."

The *per capita* dues are seventy-five cents. The Grand Lecturer is to attend the annual meetings and his expenses are to be paid by Grand Chapter.

M. E. Comp. Frank Rex (Parkersburg), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. John W. Morris (Wheeling), G. S.

WISCONSIN.

Thirty-ninth convocation, Milwaukee, Feb. 19th, 1889.

M. E. Comp. Duncan McGregor, G. H. P.

On the condition of the craft he says :

“In order that I might give you some idea of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, and more especially in order that I might intelligently present to you the needs of our Chapters, separately and collectively, I addressed, last fall, letters of inquiry to the High Priests of many of the Chapters, but more particularly to the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter. In this communication I asked for such suggestions, as well as information, as might, in the judgment of the Companions addressed, be of interest or value to us as Craftsmen. Prompt and full responses were made, yet there is very little of a definite character to report. From every quarter of the State came the reply that political meetings had for the time overshadowed Masonic Convocations, and that it was very difficult to get together the Constitutional number of Companions to open the Chapter. We were in the very midst of our quadrennial outburst of political excitement ; the persuasive voice of the stump speaker enticed us to the hustings, rather than to the Masonic halls ; brass bands and torch-light processions proved to be attractions that could not be resisted by old or young, Mason or profane. Then, too, the chief actors in these scenes were not unfrequently the principal officers of the Chapter. But dint of eloquence and trumpeting, of work and of noise, of shouting and of cannonading, an official was found for each and every office, and near the middle of November the most important duty imposed upon electors had been discharged, and we were left free to resume our attendance upon the Chapter meetings. The wonted condition of affairs now prevails, and we learn that Masonic work is being prosecuted with the usual vigor. We have discovered no unfavorable indications existing in our organization. This much of encouragement I can report. Harmony exists between our own and other Grand Jurisdictions, and brotherly love, taught to every Mason, prevails throughout our own jurisdiction.

Numerically, the year shows a net increase of ninety-two members. Growth in numbers does not necessarily furnish cause for congratulation, and diminution of numerical strength might lead to an increase of Masonic strength. What we are and do, mean much more than a muster roll can tell. We sincerely trust, however, that with added numbers the year has brought to us, a better understanding and a higher appreciation of the teachings and beauties of our ceremonies, and withal a higher ideal of the duties and possibilities of life.”

A graceful tribute was presented to the memory of Comp. J. P. C. Cottrill, who was their reporter for thirteen years.

The Grand Lecturer is required to visit each year one half of the Chapters on the roll. This year he finds a marked improvement and more of a desire to become proficient in the work.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. William C. Swain. It is an excellent report and full of good things. In his review of Canada for 1888, he copies the report of the Grand Chapter of England on the Australian question and then adds :

“The boundless ‘cheek’ of this action becomes apparent when taken in connection with the position held by the English bodies toward Quebec.

Australia is unoccupied territory, so far as any Grand Chapter is concerned, and there is no law to prevent our own General Grand Chapter, if she saw fit, establishing a Subordinate there. The political government of the Colonies may be vested in England, but by what method of reasoning that carries the Masonic government to the Grand Lodge of England, we are unable to conceive."

The report of Comp. Donald Ross on the same subject is characterized as dignified and forcible.

Some ten years ago they abolished the affiliation fees in all their bodies and have not observed any injurious effect. Comp. Swain says that Masons should not be taxed for transferring their allegiance.

M. E. Comp. Duncan McGregor (Platteville), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. John W. Laflin (Milwaukee), G. S.

FLORIDA.

Forty-third convocation, Jacksonville, January 14th, 1889.

M. E. Comp. Marcus Endel, G. H. P.

On the yellow fever scourge, he says :

"During the summer a wide-spread calamity has befallen our State by the appearance of yellow fever in five or six communities and the terrible scourge, so destructive to human life, has brought sorrow and affliction to many families of our brethren and companions.

Our own circle has not been spared devastation and bereavement by the ravages of the dread scourge. We are called upon to mourn the loss of several valuable and highly esteemed companions. Prominent among the victims we note Companion Wm. L. Baldwin, Grand Captain of the Host of this Grand Chapter.

Companion Baldwin was W. M. of Duval Lodge, of Jacksonville, and a member of the Grand Committee on Work in the Grand Lodge, and E. King of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12. He was a devoted member of our fraternity, and one who, in an eminent degree, embodied and illustrated the virtues which our order inculcates ; a genial kindly gentleman of unassuming and retiring demeanor, manifesting always in his daily intercourse with the fraternity and outside world a thoughtful appreciation of the object and teachings of the Craft. He was stricken down while doing noble duty as a member of the Jacksonville Masonic Relief Committee, and died on September 4th "

In consequence of the prevalence of yellow fever in the State and the consequent quarantine regulations and restrictions, the Grand High Priest was unable to carry out his intention of visiting a majority of the Chapters. He reports peace and harmony prevailing.

In the report of the Grand Secretary, we find that the condition of the craft in Florida is quite encouraging as compared with the status a few years back.

The constitution of the Grand Chapter and the constitution of the General Grand Chapter are printed in the appendix to the exclusion of the report on correspondence.

M. E. Comp. Marcus Endel (Gainsville), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. D. C. Dawkins (Jacksonville), G. S.

CONCLUSION.

The proceedings of the undermentioned Grand Chapters have been received, namely :

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Arkansas.....	1888	Missouri.....	1888
California.....	1889	Nebraska.....	1888
Colorado.....	1889	Nevada.....	1888
Connecticut.....	1889	New Hampshire.....	1888
Dakota.....	1888	New Jersey.....	1889
Delaware.....	1889	New York.....	1889
Dist. Columbia.....	1888	North Carolina.....	1888
Florida.....	1889	Ohio.....	1887
Georgia.....	1888	Oregon.....	1888
Illinois.....	1888	Pennsylvania.....	1888
Indiana.....	1888	Quebec.....	1889
Iowa.....	1888	Rhode Island.....	1888
Ireland.....	1889	South Carolina.....	1889
Kansas.....	1888	Tennessee.....	1888
Kentucky.....	1888	Texas.....	1887-8
Louisiana.....	1889	Vermont.....	1888
Maine.....	1888	Virginia.....	1888
Maryland.....	1888	Washington.....	1888
Massachusetts.....	1888	West Virginia.....	1887-8
Michigan.....	1889	Wisconsin.....	1889
Minnesota.....	1888		

Those which have not come to hand at the date of the closing of our report, are, Nova Scotia, 1889 (meets in June). New Brunswick for 1888 is not published. Total received, 43 ; not received, 2.

All which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Chairman.

Collingwood, Ont., Canada, June 3rd, 1889.

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